

Margaret Thatcher warned the Soviet Union in a major speech yesterday that intervention in Poland would be a disaster for Europe as well as the Polish people. She said Nato countries would respond far more effectively than over Afghanistan. In remarks aimed at France, she rebuked questionings within the EEC of members' good faith and said the Community was at a crossroads.

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EEC partners had made clear  
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To the "brave people" of  
Poland, Mrs Thatcher coun-  
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Mrs Thatcher said the EEC  
was "at a crossroads" on such  
issues as reform of the budget  
and the common agricultural  
policy, and a joint effort was  
needed.

She said that it would not be  
a "solid basis for long-term  
development" for Britain and  
West Germany—last year and  
probably again this year—to be  
the only net contributors to the  
EEC budget.

Prime Minister, who winning the Diplomatic and Overseas Writers' Association in London went out of its way to rebuff "too much mixing of each other's s and good faith" by another member countries.

Whitehall it was explained rebuke was explained evident Giscard d'Estaing alone, who in a recent ew suggested that Britain ying to change the rules "EEC" in the middle of "e" and that 1981 would s the "truth" for a membership.

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deliberately used the word *Odious*, (meaning) "al remedies," a Soviet military activity Poland had never been intense in the eight since that process. Evidently referring to y's speech at the slovak Communist Party ss she said, "I have ided with concern" what n said in Prague."

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Mrs Thatcher also mentioned her forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia and Gulf states, noting expressly that Britain did not seek to reintroduce troops into the Gulf. But the most notable section of her speech was her challenge to her EC partners.

Facing Polish crisis, she said EEC countries must coordinate foreign policy — "we must both be resolute and be seen to be resolute". But for the Community to be a viable and worthwhile organization, its common policies "must be taken in a balanced way and its members must be prepared to take a balanced view of each other's problems".

In a passage said in Whitehall to be directed not at Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, but at President Giscard d'Estaing and Mr Jacques Chirac, she said of presidential candidate, she went on: "I am not sure that this has always been so of late. There has been too much depression, too little hope; too much questioning of each other's motives and good faith.

But the fact is that people in other countries are no more entitled to query our commitment to the Community than we are to query theirs. The same rules and principles apply to them as apply to us. Our Community is just as firm as theirs.

"But it is no more blind or uncritical than theirs. We are no less determined than they

She added: "I want a Community in which the member states will accept its responsibilities towards the others, secure in the knowledge that its own interests will be respected."

Mrs Thatcher made remarks of warm admiration for Iraq's role in the scene of one of the most exciting of all stories of national development, but "to read some accounts you would think there were problems and nothing else."

She added: "The disturbances will come to an end, the headlines certainly happen. But are there fewer in other areas of similar size and population?" She called for perspective, and spoke of the immense reservoir of affection and good will for Iraq in the other countries.

Mrs Thatcher acknowledged that Britain had been "not as active as we should have been" after the troop withdrawal of 1971. But that period was over now, with Britain again active and energetic in the Gulf.

She said Britain was not going to reintroduce troops, and making no reference to British support for the proposed American Rapid Deployment Force, Mrs Thatcher promised arms and training help.

She was in stark contrast to her enthusiasm for the force during and after her visit to President Reagan in February. Now she said that she would visit the Gulf "to learn—but also to help forward Britain's partnership with the Gulf states."

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agreement.

Most staff will get the in-  
crease in their May salary  
cheques, but Mr Loft Mills,  
general secretary of Bifu, said  
that if the employers did im-  
plement the offer "the balloon  
will go up".

He accused the employers of  
"arrogance" during the  
negotiations. "They seemed  
oblivious to the consequences  
of their action, although some  
of them seemed almost to relish  
the idea of a confrontation," he  
said.

The union had originally  
made a 20 per cent pay claim,  
although it was prepared to  
settle for about 12 per cent.  
Mr Mills said that he believed  
that the employers had adopted  
a strategy which was designed  
to weaken Bifu and increase its  
rivalry with the non TUC-affiliated  
Clearing Bank Union.

The employers, who denied  
adopting an "arrogant" atti-  
tude, said that there would be  
no improvement on the offer  
even if industrial action took

place. Bifu members in the  
selected areas, which include  
cities and large towns in the  
north, the Midlands, and west  
country, have indicated in a  
ballot their willingness to take  
industrial action.

About 1,600 members of the  
union who work in the Access  
credit card centre at Southend  
are also voting on whether to  
join the action and it is pos-  
sible that staff in the Trustee  
Savings Banks might also join  
the action later.

The two groups are not  
covered by the agreement for  
175,000 clerical workers in the  
five main clearing banks, but  
they maintain a traditional pay  
link with the staff.

Mr Mills said it would be  
"monstrous" if the employers  
imposed the 10 per cent in-  
crease, particularly in view of  
the fact that the CBU had no  
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Glyn's. He forecast a hostile  
reaction from his members if  
that happened.

# big membership

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## Lebanon truce clash

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## Reagan threat

A man arrested carrying a nuclear warhead in New York has threatened to kill President Reagan. Officials said there was a link to the 23-year-old Richardson, with John the President last week

## Romanians

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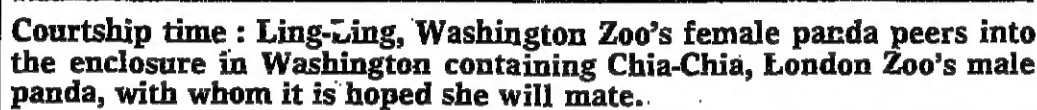
The Government is coming under growing pressure to refer the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation's \$500m bid for the Royal Bank of Scotland to the Monopolies Commission. The Bank of England officials insist what action is taken must be if any and the Bank is uncertain of the grounds on which it can oppose the proposed takeover. Page 17

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A man arrested carrying a gun at a New York bus terminal has been charged with threatening to kill President Reagan. Officials said there was no evidence in linking a 23-year-old man, John Hinckley, with John Hinckley who shot the President last week. Page 7

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By Peter Evans  
Home Affairs Correspondent

Police reacted strongly yesterday to the unpublished report of the Home Office Research Unit alleging "serious defects" in the way assault complaints against the Metropolitan Police are investigated, as calls were made for its publication.

Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, said he was "furious" that the Home Office had not told it of the report and Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, challenged the report's findings.

He said the "serious allegations of assault are meticulously investigated", he said.

Chief Supt John Keyte, secretary of the Police Superintendents' Association, questioned how qualified the research unit staff were to look into methods of investigation by police.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk and chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party's civil liberties group, said he was "puzzled" down a question for Sir David Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, asking him to publish the report before he makes up his mind about making any changes in the way serious complaints are investigated.

Mr Kilroy-Silk also referred to deaths in police custody, the subject of an inquiry last year by the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee.

He found no evidence to support generalized accusations of police "hostility towards people in custody", but welcomed the secrecy surrounding the investigation of complaints against the police, including the way in which the Director of Public Prosecutions reaches his decision on whether to prosecute.

Mr Kilroy-Silk said that in the light of the reply from Mr Whitelaw and the report in *The*



By Nicholas Timmins

The medical royal colleges are to revise the way doctors apply the British criteria for establishing brain death, after the dispute over last year's *Panorama* programme on the subject.

Three changes seem almost certain to be adopted. The tests in future would have to be repeated, after a suitable time-lag of up to 24 hours before the life-support system was turned off.

They would have to be applied by two consultants, instead of, as at present, two doctors, one a consultant or his immediate deputy.

In addition, a check-sheet setting out the tests to be applied would be introduced so that the results could be recorded and kept with the patient's records.

Professor Gordon Robson, secretary of the conference of the medical royal colleges, is to draw the amended guidance, in consultation with specialists in the field and the Department of Health and Social Security. It will probably be introduced in the autumn, after being put to the colleges' conference in July.

Professor Robson denied yesterday that the decision meant that the *Panorama* programme, which attacked the criteria by which brain death is established, had been right.

"The criteria have stood the test of time since 1976 and all the publicity since the programme. The conference is satisfied that there is no need to revise them."

He added that, with among the medical profession and among the public there was room for possible disquiet about the way the criteria are actually applied.

"At present the tests are often repeated anyway, and the reasons are often taken for transplant the surgeon has in any case to satisfy himself that the tests have been carried out properly and the criteria met."

"If it will finally help to restore confidence in the criteria, however, it seems sensible to do so," he added. "When the tests should be repeated and provide a check-list to demonstrate that they have all been carried out."

"It is these changes we should be considering."

The royal colleges, together with the Department of Health, are also to look at better ways of informing doctors about the criteria. A check-list would help in that respect.

One factor that has emerged since the *Panorama* programme is that many doctors still do not know the criteria in detail.

Doctors at the United Kingdom transplant centre in Bristol, for example, were amazed to discover that of eight candidates for a kidney transplant, only two had taken membership of the Royal College of Physicians, a qualification needed to become a consultant, none could describe the tests in full.

From Michael Leaman, Cape Canaveral, April 8.

The outlook has improved for a punctual launching of the first space shuttle on Friday. Engineers worked during a "hold" period in the countdown to put it only a few minutes behind schedule.

It had fallen nearly 12 hours behind because of snags which had developed since it began on Sunday night. There are still 16 hours of hold time available to deal with other problems that might occur before Friday.

The weather outlook suddenly looks better, too, according to Mr William Schick, the shuttle's test director.

"It's not ideal, but it's progressing in the direction that looks like being acceptable on Friday and Saturday."

The two astronauts, Commander John Young and Captain Robert Crippen, expressed confidence that the launching would be on time when they arrived wearing sky-blue flying suits at Patrick Air Force Base near here today.

A Friday launching "sure looks good", Commander Young said. "Bob and I are about ready to fly this thing."

Officials saying they were obliged to grin through their mouths and noses. The two are in quarantine to guard against infection.

To land safely in an emergency, the shuttle needs winds must not exceed 10 mph in most directions.

Forecasters had feared that a cold front moving across the country would produce unfavourable conditions, but it now seems to be going north and may avoid Florida.

The weather at the landing site, a dry lake at Edwards Air Force Base in California, has to be taken into account.

Mr Schick said it seemed "right so far. If conditions are impossible to handle, the shuttle will be diverted to White Sands missile range in New Mexico. The flight due to last 541 hours.

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By David Blake,  
Economics Editor

MPs seeking to dissociate themselves from a highly critical report on the Chancellor's Budget strategy yesterday destroyed the fragile unity of the Commons Treasury select committee.

Despite the fact that the committee had called a press conference, there was at one stage more MPs on their feet challenging the report than journalists able to ask ques-

in capital spending relative to current expenditure should be halved," the report said.

This part of the report has the general agreement of committee members, six of whom are Conservative, four Labour and one Liberal Democrat.

The contentious point, the general thrust of economic policy, was at the centre of the dispute. The report as finally approved contains a blunt attack on recent speeches by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Treasury.

Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the committee, had arrived at the press conference with a report, which had technically been passed unanimously, challenging Government Ministers. The Budget's measures in the Chamber were "not contractionary". But many members of the committee were not at all happy with the report's general conclusions.

Mr du Cann clearly distressed Mr du Cann said it was unlikely that they would be making any further reports on the general economic situation in the near future. He rejected suggestions that the committee's internal divisions would weaken its authority.

But government ministers are likely to feel they have nothing to fear from the report when it is considered during the second reading debate on the Finance Bill.

Committee members disagreed strongly with each other and on occasion with themselves as they rushed to put their own gloss on the report. Mr Michael English said that one paragraph had been written by two Ministers and one by a crank. He had accepted both in committee.

The report makes two main points. The first is that government spending cuts have been too heavily concentrated on public investment and have left the spending relative unscathed. Irrespective of what political view is taken about overall public spending as a proportion of GDP, the decline

Mr Lawson claimed the attacks on the Budget were misdirected because they failed to understand that it allowed money to flow faster than inflation, thus leaving room for growth.

Mr Terence Higgins, Conservative, said at the press conference that it was not clear whether the committee would should lead to higher growth rather than faster inflation. The report also says that claims that the Budget will not be contractionary are "unconvincing" in that they do not seem to discern any short-term reasons to expect sustained recovery.

The whole thrust of this argument was attacked during committee by Mr Nicholas Bruce-McGardine and Mr Anthony Bruce-Donald, two Conservative members who sought removal of most of the passage of critical government economic policy for being tough.

Mr Beaumont-Dark was particularly scathing in his defence of the Government at the conference, emphasizing his commitment to a series of amendments to the report which he had unsuccessfully tried to get adopted.

He said the report is critical of the overall thrust of government policy it does contain a number of favourable remarks, usually in the form of self-congratulation that some of its earlier recommendations have been accepted. This is particularly true of changes in monetary policy and the Government's decision not to extend its commitment to monetary targets beyond 1983-4.

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# SDP on course for 30,000 membership

By Fred Emery  
Political Editor

An initial membership of about 12,000 is expected to be proudly announced today by the Social Democrats.

The actual response to the party's launching two weeks ago is being kept a close secret until today's news conference. But what are called the "interim" figures, fed to subscription computers, are said to be on course for the ambitious end-April target of between 30,000 and 50,000 members.

So far only about ten days' membership responses have been analysed.

The SDP announcement will again heighten the party's effort to create its own identity, distinct from the Liberals.

The Liberals scored yesterday with their own welcome for a sometime Labour defector. He is Lord Mair, a former Lord Mayor of London, who sat as a Labour peer until becoming a crossbencher in 1979.

He said yesterday he looked forward to cooperation with the Social Democrats but said it was essential for the Liberals to enter discussion in "as much strength as possible".

Last night there were still reverberations from the refusal by the majority of the steering committee to be rushed into joint negotiations with the Liberals.

Some Social Democrat MPs now believe they have put off for many months the sort of formal negotiations on policy

that had been sought by Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader. Mr Steel publicly expressed his frustration yesterday, but refused to see it as a setback for his proposed alliance at the next election.

In a speech at the National Chamber of Trade in London he said, of a possible future coalition government: "The sooner we are seen to be conducting such preparations the better."

He added: "We do not have a leisurely three years in which to construct an alliance. The hard reality is that the steps we take in the next six months will determine whether or not the challenge we mount at the next general election will prove effective."

There is little reason to doubt that the SDP's Gang of Four leaders agree with him.

But as Mr Steel noted on the BBC's *World at One* programme, they had not yet been able to carry colleagues with them. He said such problems were understandable "teething troubles".

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## Tory group provokes Hattersley challenge

By George Clark  
Political Correspondent

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## Approval for prayer book debate

By Hugh Noyes  
Parliamentary Correspondent

Government pressure, including a suggestion by the Prime Minister that MPs might feel they were constitutionally bound to support the Synod of the Church of England, failed to persuade the Commons yesterday to reject a Bill aimed at encouraging greater use of the form of service of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

The controversial issue, which has been rumbling away in parliamentary and synodical circles for a number of years, came into the open yesterday when Lord Cranborne, Conservative MP for Dorset, South, introduced the Prayer Book Protection Bill in the Commons under the 10-minute rule procedure, while a similar measure came before the House of Lords, initiated by Lord Sudeley.

Lord Cranborne was given leave to bring in his Bill by 152 votes to 130, a majority of 22.

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## Councils blacklisted over home sales

By John Young  
Planning Reporter

The Government is to question 27 local authorities in England and Wales about their records in implementing the Housing Act, 1980, which gave council tenants the right to buy their homes.

The councils are Barking, Barnsley, Bolsover, Bristol, Camden, Carlisle, Crawley, Doncaster, Great Yarmouth, Greenwich, Hackney, Hull, Lambeth, Leeds, Leicester, Lewisham, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newham, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Thurrock, Wakefield, Wallasey, Waltham Forest and Wolverhampton.

The Government estimates that, in the first 20 months of its office, some 118,000 houses and flats were sold to tenants.

In the first 12 weeks after the right-to-buy legislation took effect last October, more than 100,000 applications were received by local authorities.

Although it has drawn up a blacklist of those authorities which it believes to be dragging their feet, the Department of the Environment says that returns are still being compiled, and it is not ready to release detailed records.

Among councils believed to have been most active in promoting sales are Berwick-upon-Tweed, Bromley, Nottingham, Taunton, Deane and York. There is no clear division between Labour authorities in large cities and towns and Conservative councils in the suburbs and the countryside, partly because in suburban and rural areas there is a smaller stock of council housing which more Conservative authorities are reluctant to lose.

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## Councils blacklisted over home sales

By John Young  
Planning Reporter

The Government is to question 27 local authorities in England and Wales about their records in implementing the Housing Act, 1980, which gave council tenants the right to buy their homes.

The councils are Barking, Barnsley, Bolsover, Bristol, Camden, Carlisle, Crawley, Doncaster, Great Yarmouth, Greenwich, Hackney, Hull, Lambeth, Leeds, Leicester, Lewisham, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newham, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Thurrock, Wakefield, Wallasey, Waltham Forest and Wolverhampton.

The Government estimates that, in the first 20 months of its office, some 118,000 houses and flats were sold to tenants.

In the first 12 weeks after the right-to-buy legislation took effect last October, more than 100,000 applications were received by local authorities.

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and in Sheffield, where prospective purchasers warned that if they subsequently decided to resell their houses the council would refuse mortgages to would-be buyers.

Mr John Stanley, Minister for Housing and Construction, described Sheffield's action as "blatant scaremongering". It is understood that both councils have now agreed to comply with the law, although doubts remain over Sheffield's plan to recruit two officials whose function, it is said, will be to point out to tenants the disadvantages of purchase.

Whether local authority objections are political or practical, the Government is determined to implement what it has described as the biggest move towards a property-owning democracy.

Mr Stanley, Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, have all made it clear that the Govern-

ment will not hesitate to use its reserve powers of intervention if necessary.

Recently Mr Stanley said that intervention was no longer merely a threat but a possibility. Councils had had long enough to show whether they were implementing the law with sufficient speed.

He was not prepared to see people subjected to endless obstruction, intolerable delay and mounting personal anxiety. Neither was he prepared to see democratic rights set at naught by undemocratic and politically motivated obstruction.

The right of tenants to buy their homes at the valuation obtained on August 8 last is confined to applications submitted before April 1 this year. Future applications will be determined on current market value, as assessed by the district valuer, less discounts depending on length of residence.

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## Census killing gun link with other attacks

From Christopher Thomas  
Belfast

The gun used to kill Mrs Joanna Mathers while she was collecting census forms in Londonderry on Tuesday night is known to have been used at least twice before by the Provisional IRA.

Police evidence, however, identified the bullet fired at point blank range into Mrs Mathers' neck as coming from a weapon used in two IRA punishment shootings in the past year. But the IRA continues to deny involvement, and its Londonderry wing described the murder as the work of people "frantically attempting to discredit the election campaign of hunger striker Bobby Sands".

The Irish National Liberation Army also denied involvement. Police evidence, however, seems to point conclusively to involvement by the IRA or one of the other republican groups.

There have been several instances of census collectors in Londonderry and in County Down and Omagh Co. Tyrone, being ordered at gunpoint to hand over forms.

The murder of Mrs Mathers, aged 29, who has a son, Shane, aged two, raises serious worries about the collection of small number of forms outstanding in Northern Ireland.

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## Delay over police complaints

By Peter Evans  
Home Affairs Correspondent

The time taken by police forces to investigate public complaints was criticized yesterday by the Police Complaints Board.

This was the third successive year in which there was a rise in the average time taken by the police to submit cases to us, its annual report says.

The five forces which on average took the longest explained that in some cases police officers were busy with other duties.

But the board said the reason for the overall trend was the situation was unsatisfactory.

The average time taken by the board to complete action on a case submitted to it fell from 26 days in 1979 to just over 20 days.

Excluding sub-judice cases, the average time taken by the police in the remainder was 125 days, compared with 130 days in 1979. The average period between the receipt of a complaint by the police and the submission of the report to the board was 177 days.

The number of cases dealt with was 7,416, was similar to the 1979 figure of 7,338.

Apart from formal disciplinary charges, 1,294 complaints led to the officer concerned being given suitable advice or a warning by a senior officer.

The board received about three hundred letters from complainants expressing dissatisfaction.

"In some instances, for example where the complainant's real interest was in his claim for compensation the source of dissatisfaction was the limitation of the board's functions and powers."

Report of the Police Complaints Board, 1980 (House of Commons Paper, 230, Stationery Office, 12p). Leading article, page 15

## IRA advised against legal challenge on Sands' ban

From a Staff Reporter  
Belfast

Provisional Sinn Féin was advised yesterday that it had no legal remedy to compel the Government to allow Mr Robert Sands, the IRA hunger striker, to deliver an election address on television.

Mr Sands, who is serving 14 years at the Maze high-security prison near Belfast for possession of firearms, is a candidate in the Fermanagh and South Tyrone by-election today.

He was denied access to television by the Northern Ireland Office. Lawyers for Mr Sands had hoped they could mount a last-minute legal challenge to the decision because of the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, which says broadcasters must observe strict impartiality between candidates.

Four people have been named by Mr Sands as his spokesmen. They are being interviewed on television both north and south of the border.

## Residents insist they do exist

By a Staff Reporter

Several areas missed in last Sunday's census were identified only after telephone calls to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys from residents alarmed by the threat of a £50 fine.

The office, which took five years to plan the census at a cost of £50m, said areas missed included three streets in Fratton, Portsmouth, a road in Holesley, Suffolk, and a housing estate in Fostoning Wood, Kent.

The trouble arose because the enumeration areas overlapped or because maps were out of date. Most of the areas have now received the forms.

The 103,000 enumerators faced angry dogs, geese, goats and bulls. There was hardly an area where someone had not been bitten, an official said.

## Union threat on Polaris work

By David Felton  
Labour Reporter

The Civil Service unions last night threatened to intensify their pay dispute with national action if Navy personnel were used to do essential maintenance and supply work on Polaris submarines which would normally be done by their members.

A deadline for the unions to agree to do the work on HMS Resolution, which is expected to arrive at the Coulport Faslane complex on the Clyde in the next few days, has been extended until noon today.

Commodore George Vallings, the senior officer at the base, asked the 55 strikers to return to work so that Resolution could be resupplied in readiness for setting out to sea again. So far the unions have refused but more talks are to be held this morning.

The Council of Civil Service Unions, which is coordinating the programme of selective strikes, said last night that its 40 regional strike centres had been "put on alert". If the Ministry of Defence moved in and personnel there would be regulatory strikes on a national scale which would not be restricted to defence.

In another move, the unions called out staff at the Composite Signals Organization centre at Brora, in Sutherland, which feeds intelligence information to the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham.

The 48-hour strike at Brora is the latest in a series of walk-outs in the Government's intelligence gathering network.

Effects of the civil servants' action, which is in its fifth week, are also being felt in other areas. The Department of

Trade announced last night that the trade figures, due to be published next Wednesday, had been postponed indefinitely.

The strike by data processors at the Customs and Excise computer centre at Southend has meant that information on imports and exports has not been processed. It will take some time to produce the figures after the dispute ends because of the backlog of statistics.

Union negotiators representing 340,000 white-collar local authority workers were told by the employers last night that they could not entertain a 13.2 per cent pay claim linked to inflation in holidays and other conditions.

The employers made no offer but put forward suggestions for changes in some of the pay scales which the unions are to consider.

## Industrialists told to break the strike

By Patricia Tisdall  
Management Correspondent

Industrialists are being urged to thwart the civil servants' dispute by paying their taxes direct to the Government.

Letters are being sent by the Confederation of British Industry, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and the Institute of Directors advising members to continue making PAYE payments, despite stoppages at the PAYE

accounts offices at Shipley, near Bradford, and at Cumbernauld, near Glasgow.

More racial contingency plans are being prepared by other business groups. Mr Ron Sansom, director of the Contractors' Plant Association, a member of the CBI council, is drawing up a suggestion that the CBI itself could act as a forwarding centre for tax payments.

The national council of the chamber of commerce associations agreed unanimously yesterday that member firms should cooperate fully with the Government in breaking the strike.

Many business organizations, however, are reluctant to publicize details of their plans partly because of fear of counter-moves by the Civil Service unions and because the precise instructions are still being compiled.

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## Mr Foot speaks of fury on Tory policies

By Our Labour Staff

The TUC's campaign against government economic policies has shown that there was "fury" up and down the country at what is happening. Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, told a trade union rally in London yesterday.

He detected no mood of despair among protesting trade unionists. "Indeed I believe it is a mood of determination to throw out this Government."

Earlier, Mr Wedgwood Benn said that the miners had "shown us the way" by their resistance to coal industry cash limits. There was a need for a "powerful alliance" between the Labour Party and trade unions.

Scottish stoppage: A two-hour strike yesterday in protest against government policies, called by engineering unions in Scotland, had been widely observed, officials said (the Press Association reports).

## Mr Pym voices optimism over economy

By Our Political Staff

Without venturing an opinion on the timing of the expected upturn in the economy, Mr Francis Pym, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the House of Commons, said yesterday that there are grounds for reasoned optimism.

"I believe the dark clouds have been allowed to brood overhead far too long," he told journalists and MPs at a Parliamentary Press Gallery luncheon.

There were many areas where there was room for optimism and cause for confidence.

Mr Pym mentioned the reduction in the rate of inflation, the greater responsibility in pay bargaining and a sharp reduction in the number of days lost through strikes, together with the fact that, although there had been cuts in spending programmes, the Government had been prepared to help those most in need.

## McNee assurance on inquiries

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sion with him. The question of publication will also be considered at that stage.

In a statement, Sir David McNee said the Metropolitan Police had not seen the report by the research unit. "All allegations of assault by police are meticulously investigated and the reports are required to be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions who may, if he so wishes, require further information or other witnesses to be interviewed."

"All complaints are submitted to the Police Complaints Board who also have power to ask for further inquiry to be made, if desired, and may direct that disciplinary proceedings be instituted."

"Instructions require that any prisoner complaining of assault, or showing signs of injury, must be seen by a doctor. These are very substantial safeguards," Sir David said.

"At the same time, it must be recognized that as police officers are often the subject of malicious complaints and they are entitled to the same protection



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## Labour rift in Yorkshire

## Scargill 'hit list' aims to keep out the moderates

From Ronald Kershaw  
Leeds

Moves by Yorkshire miners to replace moderate Labour MPs with candidates more in sympathy with the left-wing attitudes of the new party hierarchy are under way. What has been called a "hit list" of about a dozen constituencies in South Yorkshire and parts of West Yorkshire is under consideration.

Mr Arthur Scargill, Yorkshire area president of the National Union of Mineworkers and a dedicated left-winger, has made it clear that the miners will be looking at coalfield seats, not merely the five constituencies of Barnsley, Dearne Valley, Hemsworth, Normanton and Don Valley occupied by MPs sponsored by miners.

His announcement that Mr Kevin Barron, a Maltby miner, is to be nominated for candidature in the Rother Valley constituency when its re-election conference takes place next month is an indication that it is not idle chatter. Rother Valley is held by Mr Peter Hardy, a former schoolmaster, sponsored by the National Union of Public Employees, with a Labour majority of 25,002.

Other constituencies said to be under scrutiny are Pontefract and Castleford, held by Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, a former personnel manager; Penistone, held by Mr Allen McKay, a former National Coal Board industrial relations officer; Dewsbury, held by Mr David Ginsburg, a former bank research consultant; Rotherham, held by Mr Stanley Crowther, a former journalist; Wakefield, held by Mr Walter Harrison, a former foreman electrician; and Doncaster, held by Mr Harold Walker, a former engineer.

Of the five MPs sponsored by miners, only Mr Michael Welch, of Don Valley, is likely to measure up to the left-wing requirements of the miners. The rest, Mr Roy Mason, Barnsley; Mr Edwin Watkinson, Dearne Valley; Mr Albert Roberts, Normanton; and Mr Alec Woodall, Hemsworth, are moderates who at some time or other have incurred the wrath of the Yorkshire area miners' council by ignoring its dictates on how they should vote on a variety of parliamentary issues in general and on the Labour Party leader election in particular.

Mr Scargill has described such MPs as "prima donnas" apparently wanting the privilege of sponsorship and demanding the "luxury of independence". Such people, in Mr Scargill's view, should stand as independents.

The increase in political activity by Yorkshire miners owes its impetus to Mr Scargill. In his presidential address to his annual council meeting last month he called for an intensification of efforts in the political sphere and said there was no intention of concentrating on industrial matters.

The miners are not alone in increasing political activity. Other unions, with distinct left-wing attitudes such as Nupe, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs and the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians are seeking affiliation of increasing numbers to constituency Labour parties in the Yorkshire area but it is on the miners that they are basing their strategy.

That consists of affiliating sufficient union members living in a particular constituency, obtaining as many delegates as possible on general management committees, and using the weight of numbers to oust moderates.

Mr Scargill, who was not available for comment this week, has, however, made his views on reselection known. He has said that if MPs have acted in accordance with the rules and constitution of the Labour Party they have nothing to fear.

He said: "On the other hand, if MPs blatantly ignore or disregard decisions of their general management committees on major issues then they must expect reaction and possible rejection if and when a reselection conference takes place."

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Mr Roberts says he is aware of the actions of Mr Scargill. He said: "I have always been in favour of miners being well organized and properly represented but not at the expense of secret meetings behind our backs and not telling us what is going on. It is ethically wrong."

Councillor Edward Thompson, secretary of the Normanton constituency Labour Party, says the miners have taken all eight trade union seats on the party's executive committee although they have taken their options on delegates they still do not have control, except when it comes to purely trade union decisions.

Mr Thompson says he has had 10 applications from left-wing unions for affiliation to the constituency party. He is demanding names and addresses of members to be affiliated to check on numbers of delegates claimed. That has been a point of controversy in the Barnsley constituency party, and is the subject of a Labour Party inquiry. Union branches may only affiliate members to a constituency party if they live in that constituency.

In the Dearne Valley constituency the left moved in at the recent annual meeting to secure the prime posts—of chairman and vice-chairman. Nine of the 10-member executive union are miners.

In the Wakefield constituency, Mr L. Clarke, constituency party secretary, says: "We have had a left wing but so far everybody has been solidly behind the sitting MP but I have the feeling something is afoot. I hesitate to say what. The hairs are on the back of my neck rising, but I have no evidence."

Pontefract and Castleford will have its first miners' caucus meeting before the next meeting of the general management committee. Mr Roy Widdowson, secretary, refused to discuss the situation in the constituency until he had spoken to the constituency party, but the former secretary, Mr John Walsh, a moderate who has recently been elected miners' union agent for North Yorkshire, said he did not know of a "hit list" as such.

The attitude of existing MPs is that if an MP is doing his job and satisfying his constituents, he should not be removed. If any section of the party works purely and simply within the constitution, nobody can complain, but attempts to move MPs to fit in with sectarian views are wrong. MPs sponsored by miners have additional difficulties in that they are asked to vote on the demands of the Yorkshire area miners' union council, obey the dictates of the annual party conference, take heed of the annual national union conference and listen to the instructions of the national executive committee.

Conflicts invariably arise between those four areas on such matters as the Common Market or nuclear development where an MP finds it impossible to vote every way so voters which way he considers appropriate and under the new procedures runs the risk of losing nomination. As one MP put it: "If you tried to suit everybody you would be a puppet and look what Parliament would be like."

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## Trade union code remote, says Lord Hailsham

By Donald Macintyre  
Labour Reporter

The prospect of a new statutory code of trade union rights appeared remote last night after evidence by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, to the Commons Select Committee on Employment.

In the clearest hint yet from a senior minister that further comprehensive legislation on trade union immunities is unlikely in the lifetime of the present Government, Lord Hailsham said he did not believe there was "sufficient political consensus" for such a code.

The idea of a clear legal statement of trade union rights is proposed as one option in the Government's Green Paper on Immunities which has been strongly criticized by the TUC and on which the Government has invited consultations.

Lord Hailsham said that while a "maximalist" approach might have been preferred if trade union legislation was being approached anew, the decision taken in 1979 (before the Employment Act) to deal with the minimum considered necessary to right the more serious wrongs had not been taken unadvisedly. "It should now be pursued as a policy," he added.

The Lord Chancellor said that this "pragmatic approach" had to be qualified. The Government was already at risk from litigation in the Strasbourg Court of Human Rights on the closed shop and potential as regards other matters.

Lord Hailsham made it clear that he believed British would have to be amended to take account of any Strasbourg decision.

Secondly, he said: "If existing rights or immunities are abused either to the detriment of individuals, groups or the public, Parliament will demand that they be modified and public opinion will support the demand."

However discussion should, "at any rate for the time being, concentrate on individual issues and remedies."

Lord Hailsham said that he approached the Green Paper with a "strong prejudice against the formulation of a code of rights which had favoured one before 1979, he believed 'the opportunity had been missed'.

A statement of rights for trade unions would probably be unacceptable without a corresponding statement of obligations, and there was not sufficient public consensus for such a code.

Savoy Hotel killer chose prostitute at random

A man booked a room at the Savoy Hotel, London, so that he could kill a prostitute who was unknown to him, Mr Justice Pavey was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Tony Marriott, aged 22, from Horsham, West Sussex, then carried out the "totally premeditated" killing of Miss Catherine Russell, aged 27, in room 853 on October 1 last year, Mr Michael Coombe, for the prosecution, said.

Miss Russell, a masseuse with convictions for prostitution, was stabbed to death and Mr Marriott, who admitted the killing was an aberration to normal sex, later attempted suicide with one of two knives he had bought for the occasion.

Mr Coombe told the court that it was a "curious and bizarre story. Mr Marriott had conceived the idea some considerable time before and had previously come near to engaging a prostitute to kill her in London."

Mr Marriott, of Highland Avenue, Horsham, pleaded not guilty to murder but his plea of guilty to manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility was rejected.

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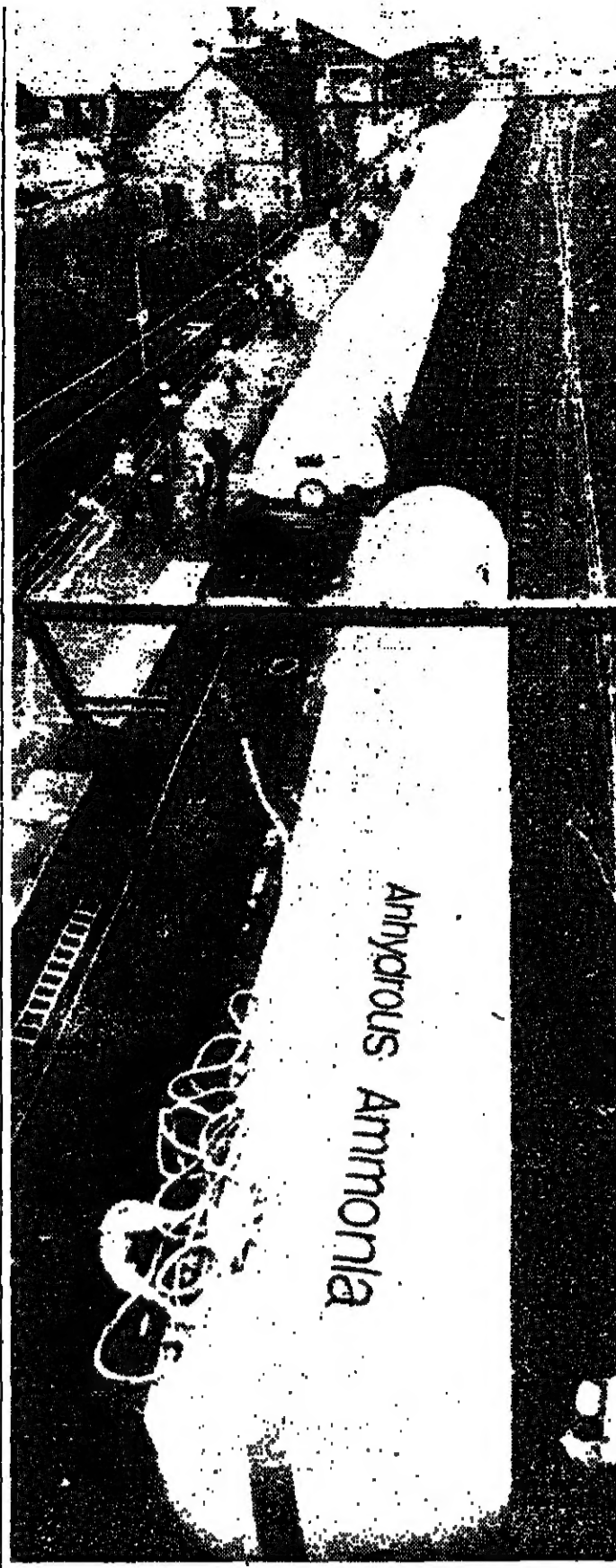
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Tanker derailment: The scene outside Hadfield Station, Derbyshire, yesterday, when 30 families were warned to stand by to leave their homes after a train carrying 15 tankers of ammonia was derailed. One tanker was leaking and its contents were transferred to another under the supervision of firemen. No one was affected by the fumes. The train was travelling from Merseyside to Barton-upon-Humber, Humberside. The Sheffield-Manchester line may be closed until the weekend because of the derailment.

In brief

Belfast airport strike ends

The strike that closed Belfast airport was settled yesterday and flights resumed last night. Agreement with the 200 ground staff workers was reached after three hours of talks. They had walked out at midnight on Sunday in a dispute over conditions attached to a 9 per cent pay offer.

Bacardi dispute over

An out of court settlement was announced yesterday in the dispute involving Bacardi and Courage, the brewer, which had been serving Dry Cane in response to requests for "Bacardi". Courage has agreed not to supply any other drink if Bacardi is asked for without an explanation to and the assent of the customer.

Boxer elects trial

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## Philippines opposition brand Marcos poll 'a complete farce'

Manila, April 8.—President Marcos of the Philippines today claimed a landslide victory in yesterday's constitutional referendum: but the opposition branded the poll a "complete farce" and threatened to boycott the June 7 presidential election which the referendum approved.

United Democratic Opposition (UDO) leaders alleged that the Government had engaged in widespread cheating, vote-buying and tampering to gain the 80 per cent "yes" vote in unofficial returns so far.

Unido said Mr Cesar Climaco, the governor of Zamboanga City, had confiscated "complete" manufactured election returns from the western Mindanao region in southern Philippines. Five bundles of prepared returns had been seized, it was claimed, and suspects detained included people affiliated with President Marcos's New Society Party (KBL).

Mr Climaco asked the Unido leadership to "alert the entire nation since the same dirty tricks are being perpetrated throughout the country to perpetuate one-man rule and make Marcos President-for-life". President Marcos today ordered an inquiry into the affair and called a meeting of the KBL for April 14 to name him as its president didate for June 7.

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Political observers expect the Bill to be amended considerably by the Senate where the ruling party's conservatives are stronger and where party discipline will not be imposed. It is not expected to become law before at least two or three months, considering its expected tough passage in the Senate and the eventual need to negotiate its terms in a somewhat more conservative form in the Lower House.

Señor Fernandez Ordoñez, a leader of the Social Democratic party, said he was not sure whether this law, whether through the lengthening of the period of required separation or the unnecessary complication of the procedures... would mean a dangerous step backwards, which would only serve to add to the expense, bitterness and insecurity of those who want to resolve their anguishing situation.

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## OVERSEAS

## Complete liberation of Lebanon demanded by Christian leaders

from Tewfik Mishlawi

Beirut, April 8

Lebanese right-wing forces fighting Syrian troops of the UN peacekeeping force today rejected Syrian terms for a ceasefire, and put forward their own terms. However, a ceasefire ordered by President Elias Aoun was broadcast on the official radio at 30-minute intervals and after several hours the fighting began to subside on the so-called green line dividing Beirut into Muslim and Christian sectors.

Syrian tanks and artillery fired shells into the Christian area of Zahle, with a population of 200,000 which has been under Syrian siege for eight years. A resident reached by telephone said he and his family of five had been living in the basement since the shelling began.

"We have no water or electricity, food supplies are difficult to come by and a quoted man with us is doing because we cannot help him."

Syrian forces were mopping up a right-wing militia in the hills surrounding Zahle. The militia, in turn, have been selling Syrian positions in the area Bekaa valley with their mobile mortars and super-rocket launchers.

The rightists for the second time shelled the town of Shoura, the main Beirut-Damascus road where the general command headquarters of the Syrian forces in Lebanon are based.

The Syrian ceasefire conditions were presented to President Sarkis yesterday at a meeting with Mr Abdul Halim Qaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister. They were later re-

played to right-wing leaders who put forth their own terms.

Government officials in Beirut said that despite their apparent willingness to accept a truce, neither Syria nor the Lebanese rightists were prepared to compromise. Syria has made it clear that Zahle and the entire Bekaa valley are important for its security and defence against Israel.

Lebanese Christian leaders, on the other hand, insist on the total evacuation of Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon. "This is a struggle for the liberation of all of Lebanon and we are not prepared to accept anything short of this," Mr Bachir Gemayel, the commander of the right-wing Christian forces said.

Mr Camille Chamoun, a former President, and another Christian leader, supported Gemayel's demand and added that a United Nations force should replace the Syrians in Lebanon.

President Sarkis today received Mr Brian Urquhart, assistant to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, but it was not clear whether they discussed Mr Chamoun's demand.

Mr Hubert Arpad, a special emissary of President Giscard d'Estaing, was leaving Beirut today with a message from President Sarkis whose contents were not disclosed.

Mr Arpad earlier told reporters that he was planning to discuss with Mr Sarkis the possibility of convening a United Nations Security Council meeting in Lebanon.

It is believed here that one of the aims the Christian rightists are trying hard to achieve is to bring the Lebanese case before the world organization.

## King Husain reaffirms tough line at No 10

By Our Diplomatic Staff

King Husain of Jordan called on Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, in London yesterday and spent an hour discussing Middle East issues.

The King arrived in London on Tuesday for what is described as a private visit. He is to attend his son's passing-out parade at Sandhurst but is also due to see Mr John Nott, the Defence Secretary, on Monday and Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, on Wednesday.

His visit to 10 Downing Street was described by Foreign Office officials as customary. The King usually pays calls on the Prime Minister during fairly regular visits to Britain and this one was not apparently related to his meeting in Amman on Monday with Mr Alexander Haig, the United States Secretary of State.

The discussions with Mrs Thatcher centred on the Middle East peace process, the question of the Palestinians, and the possibility of a European initiative to break the deadlock over the Camp David agreements.

King Husain repeated Jordan's commitment to bringing the Palestine Liberation Organization into peace negotiations, which, the Jordanians argue, should be under United Nations auspices.

He is reported to have taken a tough line during his talks with Mr Haig, insisting any hopes the Americans may have had that Jordan might be



Mrs Thatcher says goodbye to King Husain after their talks yesterday.

brought closer to the Camp David peace process.

The Secretary of State arrived in London this evening after his talks in the Middle East. Lord Carrington was arriving home in the early hours of this morning from his trip to Pakistan and the Far East, and the two men are scheduled to meet tomorrow.

In Riyadh yesterday Mr Haig paid a ceremonial call on King Khalid and had talks with Crown Prince Fahd Saud and Prince al-Faisal, the Foreign Minister, which centred mostly on the problems in Lebanon.

The Secretary of State expressed optimism because Syria appeared ready to make an unspecified change in its position.

Mr Haig spoke of a "modified or new position which appears to be coming from Damascus". Declining to go into details, he said: "I would prefer not to complicate a process which offers great promise until it develops somewhat further."

At the airport, before leaving for Rome and London, Mr Haig said his meetings with the Saudis had been cordial, productive, and in true friendship, most frank.

Prince Saud made clear that, despite the Reagan Administration's warnings about the Soviet threat, Saudi Arabia regards Israel as the main cause of instability and insecurity in the Gulf region.

However, he added that the Soviet Union also posed a

threat to regional and international security.

Israeli threat: Major-General Shlomo Gazit, retired director of Israeli military intelligence, said yesterday that Saudi Arabia's acquisition of highly sophisticated modern weapon systems may force Israel into a preemptive strike.

He told a seminar at Tel Aviv University that the ground-to-ground missiles and modern ground-to-air missiles acquired by the Saudis threatened Israel's air supremacy, which was essential for its survival.

He said that Israel could not get involved in a war on its eastern front knowing that the Saudis had a big concentration of first-class weapons which might strike at any moment.

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## Romanian gymnastic trainers defect in US

Washington, April 8.—Three leading Romanian gymnastic trainers, including the coach of the 1976 Olympic gold medal winner Nadia Comaneci, have defected to the United States, the State Department confirmed today.

Bela Karoly, aged 38, his wife, Marta, aged 38, and Gera Pozsar, aged 31, the top choreographer for the Romanian national gymnastics team, defected on March 30 in New York while on a tour of the United States with the Romanian women's gymnastics team.

An official said the three defectors met representatives of the Romanian Embassy at the State Department yesterday to give formal notification of their decision. They had applied to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service for political asylum on April 2.

Left behind in Romania were the Karoly's seven-year-old daughter and Pozsar's wife and infant daughter. They asked Romanian embassy officials to allow their families to join them in the United States, a request usually granted to defectors' families within a year.

The trainers said their decision to defect was prompted by their long dissatisfaction with the Romanian State Central Federation of Athletics. They said they could not tolerate chronic interference by the federation with their training methods including those for Miss Comaneci.

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Both the Karoly's and Mr Pozsar belong to Romania's Hungarian ethnic minority but they refused to discuss this further. They claimed that three other pupils, Emilia Eberle, Georgeta Gabor and Teodora Ureanu had been withdrawn from their school.

A State Department official said the three trainers complained to the Romanian representatives at yesterday's meeting of the federation's interference.

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## Reporters starved of essential facts

## Mr Haig's aloof style angers press corps

from Christopher Walker

Amman, April 8

During his first tour of the Middle East, Mr Alexander Haig, the "vicar" of American foreign policy, has so far conspicuously failed to please an alien group of his listeners, the State Department press corps.

As the large American party prepared to fly on to Saudi Arabia yesterday, representatives of the so-called "travelling press"—the journalists invited to travel in the American government aircraft—could be heard booing the Secretary of State's chief spokesman, Mr Dean Fisher, an amiable former Time magazine correspondent.

The reporters, some of them veterans of the Kissinger era, were complaining that they were starved of essential information about the content of Mr Haig's private talks, and were being allowed virtually no access to him.

The elusiveness of the Secretary of State is widely regarded as a ploy to avoid embarrassing questions about his much-criticized behaviour in the wake of the shooting of President Reagan.

Yesterday, a press conference was cancelled and Mr Haig talked swiftly out of the airport lounge after reading a hand statement to the cameras.

The unhappiness of the press corps is significant because favourable reporting could do much to rehabilitate Mr Haig's reputation as a statesman.

Among the most frequent complaints is that the Secretary of State is unwilling to delegate properly to his subordinates.

One senior correspondent said: "So far, we have been to three countries, and he has done nothing diplomatically or personally to make anyone forget his big mistake. Up to now, the trip has not been a great success, and that is what our copy is being reflecting."

Mr Haig's aides are acutely conscious of his precarious political standing in Washington, and all questions on the

subject are hastily sidestepped. Emphasis is laid in private comments on the importance of the "substance" of America's new foreign policy, particularly its determined anti-Soviet tone.

Unlike his immediate predecessor, Mr Edmund Muskie, Mr Haig has shown little inclination to wander into the back of the government aircraft and relax with a drink and an off-the-record chat between stopovers. "At the moment, the relationship between us is pretty strained," an American magazine reporter said.

In spite of the friction, all the correspondents acknowledge that the "vicar" has a far more pragmatic and less simplistic grasp of foreign policy issues than his main rivals in the Reagan Administration. But they claim that it has not been demonstrated effectively on the Middle East tour, where any chance of positive achievements was, in any case, limited by the brevity of the stop-overs.

By the time he left Saudi Arabia today, it had become clear that Mr Haig had not succeeded in establishing the new "strategic consensus" for which he was looking, with both the Saudi and Jordanian monarchs insisting that a rapid solution to the Palestinian problem remains the essential basis from which to counter the Soviet threat to the region.

The dilemma faced by the Secretary of State was most clearly identified by Mr Abba Eban, Israel's shadow foreign minister, who said in a radio interview during the brief visit to Jerusalem that it arose because "your friends are our enemies."

The failure to achieve any immediate reconciliation of different view points cannot be wholly blamed on Mr Haig, but there was a feeling that the trip succeeded more in showing up the differences between Egypt and Israel on one side, and Jordan and Saudi Arabia on the other. More time and more subtlety was needed if such differences were to be bridged.

## Arabs request deferment of talks with EEC

from Michael Hornsby

Brussels, April 8

The first ministerial-level conference between the EEC and the 22 member states and organizations of the Arab League, which had been planned for this summer, is now not expected to take place before autumn.

Preparatory work on political and economic issues to be discussed had fallen behind schedule, and a number of Arab ambassadors indicated that they would like a postponement.

Behind the delay, which is by no means unwelcome to the EEC, lies a conflict over the political objectives and purpose of the conference, which the Arab countries see as an opportunity to advertise, and canvass support for their view of the Middle East conflict with Israel.

The conference is also of value to them because it could be represented as awarding an EEC seal of diplomatic approval to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which is a member of the Arab League and would participate fully at the meeting.

Although there is no question of the EEC granting formal recognition to the PLO, it is acknowledged that the spectacle of Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, sitting down to parley with EEC foreign ministers would be a potent propaganda coup for the Arab side.

Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, has taken the lead in arguing that, if this satisfaction is to be given to the PLO, a political price should be exacted in return in the form of recognition of Israel's right to exist as a state.

Neither Arab countries generally nor the PLO have publicly recognized the existence of the Jewish state. Militant Arabs still refer to Israel as a Zionist entity and say they will not rest until it has been eliminated.

This is seen as a serious stumbling-block to further development of the EEC's Middle East peace-making efforts, since it exposes the Ten to the Israeli taunt that, for the sake of Arab oil, they are prepared to treat with a terrorist organization bent on the destruction of the Jewish state.

The British, with some support, argue that the final joint communiqué issued after the conference must contain endorsement of the principles set out by EEC heads of government at their summit meeting in Venice last June.

Then they spoke of "the right to existence and to security of all states in the region, including Israel, and justice for all peoples, which implies the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people".

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## Nato ministers voice concern over Russian troop movements but leave door open for negotiations

Frederick Bonhoff, NATO Secretary General, said today that NATO ministers attending a meeting in Bonn had expressed concern over the Russian troop movements and the possibility of a new arms race. He said the alliance was not in a position to take any action at the moment, but would be prepared to negotiate if the Russians were willing to do so.

Mr Bonhoff said that the state of alert on which the Soviet forces had been placed round Poland last week had been remarkable. Although the Russians had ended their exercise had ended there was no indication that so far the Russians had actually withdrawn any of the new forces placed there or which they had infiltrated into the country.

He went on to say that this is a very happy atmosphere in which to conduct arms control negotiations. But if the position changes in the next few weeks, then we might see a different situation altogether.

## Brezhnev nger t Western varnings

Don Dossa Trevian, a Soviet official, said today that the Warsaw Pact military exercises were ended, and President Brezhnev's professed belief in the ability to settle the crisis had done much to calm tensions.

Nevertheless, Mr Brezhnev is doing all he can to open up the possibility of a visit to Prague which, apparently, he will make until the weekend, for which Mr Stefan Olszowski, Polish Politburo member, yesterday expressed the leadership's determination to safeguard socialism in Poland, assuring his audience the country would remain faithful member of the socialist community.

But reminders of the Soviet concern are being led by foreign delegations. Miklosz Ovari, the Hungarian representative, whose visit to Poland had left a reference to Poland, in delivering it hardened the Hungarian position.

"We too follow with anxiety the complicated and difficult situation in Poland," he told a Czechoslovak party congress, emphasizing that now was the time to overcome the "increasing overt attacks" of the East Germans made on the situation in Poland but it is not that the situation there is uppermost in the exchanges the delegates even though there are no signs yet that a Warsaw Pact summit will be opened here.

One thing, however, is clear, Moscow will reluctantly swallow the idea of an independent side union in Poland, but not the idea of any Communist reform.

Last month's meeting of the Polish Central Committee vividly contributed to the fact that the party was in danger of disintegrating. Mr Brezhnev in fact drew the parallel with Czechoslovakia, said that the Czechoslovak communists had their experience and had proved convincingly that counter-revolutionary plans had no prospect of success.

## Nato's eye into Poland Soviet navy watched from Danish boat

From a Special Correspondent Bornholm Island, April 8. Bornholm Island should really exist only in the pages of a thriller writer. The Baltic Sea mists which rise around it as dusk, the hunched old Scandinavian churches and the grey shapes of warships far out beyond the deserted, snow white beaches might have come from Erskine Childers' ageless blockbuster *Riddle of the Sands*.

But the Maritime clusters of radar reception aerials behind the wind-torn trees and the small Danish naval patrol boat that sets out each dawn to watch the Soviet Navy's ominous peregrinations, would perhaps fit more appropriately into an Alistair Maclean novel.

Bornholm is a squashed, rectangular bump of land in the dead centre of the Baltic straits just 78 miles from the Polish coast. It is Nato's easternmost eye into Poland and right now even the Russians must dearly wish that it existed only in fictional form.

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During the day, distant explosions rumble in from the sea and small propeller-driven aircraft take off from a minuscule island airfield, circling and recircling the 110-mile coastline in mysterious and inexplicable flight patterns.

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## Gardener held on way to shoot President

From Patrick Brogan Washington, April 8. An out-of-work, 23-year-old gardener was arrested in a bus station in New York yesterday. He was on his way from New Haven, Connecticut, to Washington to shoot the President.

He is Edward Richardson and, like John W. Hinckley, had a letter behind him in his hotel room explaining his intentions. A maid found it, read it and gave it to the police, who picked him up on his way south, with a 32 revolver in his pocket.

Mr Richardson seems to have modelled himself on Mr Hinckley, to the extent of claiming that Mr Hinckley appeared to him in a dream, urging him to finish off President Reagan. He also shared Mr Hinckley's affection for Jodie Foster, the teenage film star.

She is now a student at Yale, in New Haven, and Mr Richardson was staying in the hotel Mr Hinckley stayed in when he was hanging around Yale, trying to see Miss Foster.

All this is probably imitative and was indeed expected. There are 230 million Americans and there must be a good few thousand lunatics among them whose obsessions will take them as far as trying to shoot the President.

Increased precautions are now being taken to protect Vice-President Bush and other public figures (including Senator Edward Kennedy) not belatedly to close the stable door but because people like Edward Richardson might very well be tipped over the edge by Mr Hinckley's example.

There is one real coincidence that the police are investigating. Mr Richardson apparently spent three months in Lake Wood, Colorado, which is near Mr Hinckley's parents' home and where he once bought a gun (not the one he shot Mr Reagan with). The Secret Service's first instinct was that they did not believe that there was any connexion between the two.

Mr Hinckley is said to have been a member of the American Nazi Party, and was arrested when he attempted to shoot the President.



Edward Richardson: He modelled himself on John Hinckley.

Richardson, in his letter, claims to belong to the "Left" (the put the word in inverted commas himself) and addressed his letter to "the fascist powers".

The letter said: "If I cannot get to the President, I am prepared to play some other prominent 'right wing' political figure" (again, Mr Richardson's inverted commas).

"I depart now for Washington, DC, to bring to completion Hinckley's reality. Ultimately, Ronald Reagan will be shot to death and this country turned to the 'left'." The letter is signed "Edward Richardson, later People's Court". Needless to say, no one has ever heard of an international people's court.

A great number of journalistic man-hours have been put into investigating John Hinckley's background. The details of his boring, unhappy life are now more or less established, and the psychiatrists who have him in their grip are now more or less established.

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## South Africa to recall trains from Zimbabwe

From Ray Kennedy. South Africa has decided to withdraw railway locomotives on loan to Zimbabwe in what appears to be a deliberate move to antagonize the Salisbury Government of Mr Robert Mugabe.

Simultaneous announcements made in Salisbury and Johannesburg today said that 25 diesel locomotives now leased by Pretoria to embassies in Zimbabwe would be pulled back to South Africa by June 1.

Zimbabwe badly needs the locomotives to help with the transportation of this season's record maize crop. South Africa has no urgent need for them and the decision to recall them will almost certainly be interpreted as a further effort by Pretoria to embarrass Mr Mugabe's Government.

South Africa has already announced it is ending a preferential trade agreement with Zimbabwe which enabled pre-independence Rhodesia to withstand the international sanctions resulting from UDI, and last week also laid down that Zimbabwean visitors to South Africa would in future require visas.

However, the decision to recall the locomotive could rebound. South African Railways stock is built by the local subsidiary of General Electric Corporation in America. Although there is a high quantity of local construction, most of the vital parts including the engines are wholly imported.

South Africa's efforts to deprive Zimbabwe of locomotives, but it will take time to get them there and they are unlikely to arrive before the June 1 deadline.

At the same time it is not clear that South Africa, having announced its decision to recall its locomotives, will actually get them back before replacements arrive.

In Salisbury today, Mr Josiah Chinamano, Minister of Transport and Power, said Zimbabwe would import railway trucks to help with the distribution of the maize crop. Sweden is believed to have offered 200 trucks as a start to make the Zimbabwe National Railways independent of South Africa.

## Poles praise Brezhnev 'foresight'

Warsaw, April 8. A Polish newspaper today praised President Brezhnev for foresight as the country looked to the bright side of the Soviet leader's latest policy statement on the situation in Poland.

"Leonid Brezhnev has again displayed far-sightedness in his assessment of the complex processes now taking place in Poland," the Government newspaper, *Zgoda*, said in a commentary on the Soviet leader's address in Prague yesterday.

Polish officials said they were reassured by Mr Brezhnev's statement that he supported the Polish people's desire to resolve their problems alone. The official news agency noted that alarm in the West over Poland's fate had subsided.

Western diplomats in Warsaw said it was clear from Mr Brezhnev's statement that Poland had been given more time. They said, however, the basic crisis inherent in the country's liberalization process appeared far from resolved in the eyes of the Kremlin and other communist governments in Eastern Europe.

Mr Brezhnev talked in terms of rebuffing the enemies of socialism and the Soviet media attacked Poland's Solidarity trade union again today, indicating that it regarded the very existence of the movement as anti-socialist.

## Reagan recovery is slower than doctors had hoped

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 8. President Reagan continues to recover from his wound; but his progress is slower than his staff and doctors hoped last week.

A White House official said this afternoon that he might leave hospital between Sunday and Monday, which is considerably later than doctors and members of the President's staff led many to believe last week.

In the first two days after the assassination attempt, on March 30, officials insisted mightily that Mr Reagan was making a remarkable recovery, that physically he was much younger than his 70 years and would be back at work immediately.

Now reality has caught up with them. Mr Reagan is indeed recovering. There will be no permanent damage to his health, but he will be back at work for a longer time than a young man.

The Secret Servicemen who was wounded in the stomach was released yesterday and the Washington policeman who had a bullet in his neck will be released in a few days.

## Fresh forces go into Afghanistan

From Trevor Fishlock Delhi, April 8. The Russians are apparently making a significant increase in the strength of their forces occupying Afghanistan, according to reports reaching here today.

A diplomatic source said that during the past week there have been a large number of flights into Kabul by Soviet transport aircraft carrying troops. The source estimates that about 20,000 soldiers have arrived in recent days.

Another source, however, usually more cautious in its assessments, says that up to 10,000 men—a division—have been brought in as reinforcements.

The Russians already have about 85,000 men stationed in Afghanistan to keep the Babrak Karmal regime in power. There have been reports from Kabul that four Afghan divisions have been moved from the capital to fight the guerrillas in the countryside.

clution being drawn is that Soviet troops are taking their place in and around the city. Mr Shah Muhammad Dost, the Afghan Foreign Minister, said in an interview published in India this week that Kabul might ask for more Russian troops in view of President Reagan's statement that the Americans would consider sending arms to the mujahidin.

## Namibians fail to meet US envoy

By Our Diplomatic Staff. A delegation from Namibia left London yesterday, apparently without meeting the United States diplomat who has been designated to formulate the Reagan Administration's policy on the disputed territory.

Mr Peter Kalangua, the president of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), a South African-backed ruling party in Namibia, flew to Europe while Mr Chester Crocker, the Assistant Secretary of State-designate, spent the day with Foreign Office officials, preparing for a tour of 10 African countries.

Today he flies to Nairobi and later will visit South Africa, Angola and other countries. The Reagan administration wants to explore the possibility of solving the Namibia problem by reaching agreement first on a constitutional basis in the case of Zimbabwe, and then holding elections.

South Africa and the DTA hope for favourable treatment from Washington, although indicating that the Reagan administration will not necessarily ignore the views of black Africa and the West European states that engineered the United Nations agreement.

In London yesterday the South West Africa People's Organisation issued a statement expressing concern over United States policy and repeating the statement by Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, that there was no going back on the international agreements on Namibia already reached.

## Britain asks Japanese to close ranks with West

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, April 8. Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, asked Japan today to close ranks with the United States, Europe and China to contain the Soviet Union in the West, the Pacific region and Asia.

Addressing Japanese journalists at the end of a three-day visit to Tokyo, he said economic issues should not be allowed to cast a shadow over the prospects of a closer political relationship between Japan and Britain.

In Europe, the Soviet Union has built up its forces, both conventional and nuclear, beyond its defensive needs. You have a similar build-up here in the Far East including—and I understand your special concern—in the islands neighbouring Hokkaido," Lord Carrington said.

## Minor candidates overcome nomination hurdle

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 8. Last night at midnight an usher shut the doors of the Constitutional Council and posted up a notice announcing that nominations for presidential election had closed.

Three-quarters of an hour earlier M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the candidate of the right-wing National Front, rushed into the building with his candidature, a packet of 300 sponsorship forms. "I know that some mayors have sent their forms direct to the council and I hope they will be sufficient to make up the required 500," he said.

Although the names of those who have got past the hurdle of at least 500 sponsors for 30 different departments will not be announced officially until tomorrow evening, in fact they are already known. What is surprising is that so many "little" or "marginal" candidates have succeeded in getting past it. For many of them, the quest for the coveted signatures began last summer.

## Court leaves 450 vintage cars with French public

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, April 8. By decision of the court of Mulhouse, the unique Schlumpf collection of vintage cars is to remain in the hands of the local authorities who will form from it a national automobile museum.

The collection consists of 450 vintage cars, in first class condition, which the two brothers, Hans and Fritz Schlumpf built up over a lifetime. They took refuge in Switzerland after their firm was declared bankrupt in 1977, and they were charged with misuse of company assets.

The court decision concludes a long rear-guard battle fought by the Schlumpf brothers for control and preservation of the collection estimated at between 44m francs (44m) and 300m francs. Christie's had put forward a figure of 325m francs. The 1,300 workers of the mills who were laid off in 1976 occupied the premises. They made a point of keeping the collection in good order, and allowing vintage car enthusiasts from all over the world to visit it.

But the Schlumpf brothers wanted to resume possession. They appealed to the Conseil d'Etat against a ministerial decree of 1978 scheduling the collection as an historic monument. The highest administrative court in France last month exempted only five of the cars from the decree, presumably because they were duplicates.























THE ARTS

Nationwide  
BBC 1

Michael Ratcliffe

A poor week for boozers, women and members of parliament: for a boozing MP indeed a disaster. Dr Marshall Morgan told us that women get drunk more easily than men and should always drink less, preferably at all. Lord Lubbock attacked the "Niagara of drink" available at Westminster as long as the Commons and Lords are in session, and said how awful it all was. The law of libel prevented his naming names, of course, and Nationwide flashed up a photograph of Churchill giving a squiffy V-sign and Gaiskell smiling to show what they thought, but the teetotaling zeal in Lubbock's eyes remained bright. On Monday Sir Horace Cutler won a prize, and on Tuesday he discounted the probability of defeat at the month and told us how smashing the Tories had been over the last four years at County Hall.

The true purpose of Nationwide is to assure us that, whatever uncontrollable atrocities may have occurred in the early evening news, real life in Britain goes on, and may be chopped into an infinite variety of incongruous little shapes for easy digestion. Longer items, like that on the surgical reshaping of a boy's face at the Eastman Dental Clinic, are sometimes impressive, and sometimes, as on the activities of the Animal Liberation Front, simply not ready for publication. This week is supposed to be different. Nationwide has been calling attention to itself on the cover and four inside pages of Radio Times with glowing commendations from all areas of the community as to its value and purpose. It is offering a special series of reports in which the national presenters, responding to invitations from what Sue Lawley described as "interesting communities", descend, briefly and politely, into the sticks.

She herself last night offered a decent item on the disabled residents at the Papworth Settlement. Earlier Hugh Scully went to Gloucester and Frank Bough to Rochdale. But special? Tonight Sally Hardcastle has a chance to show if these reports are different in any way from the usual in the first of three items on Broadmoor—fortunate timing in view of the widespread public misunderstanding that has recently come to light, and following Southern's sharp and courageous programme on the poems of the prisoner John Neish (shown locally, but not networked last Friday). I hope she does better than Scully and Bough, the first of whom, an excellent student to Rochdale, returned mournfully from his bucolic assignment bearing a sheaf of truncated consumer complaints about bus shelters and double glazing and perhaps the most boring story of the year so far: should the city of Gloucester have 45, 55 or 60 taxicabs available for public hire? The report from Rochdale was even scrapper.

Comsat Angels  
Sundown

Fire Engines  
Embassy

Richard Williams

Down from Scotland on a tide of mystery and excitement, the Fire Engines played on Tuesday night to an audience consisting mainly of talent-spotting record company executives. At a similar engagement in London the previous night, 200 people (mainly record company executives) had been turned away. As the Fire Engines finished their four-song, 12-minute set, the only possible reaction was relief: it would be a record company executive in 1981?

The Fire Engines—two guitars, bass and drums—seem motivated solely by a desire to appear original. One way of doing that is to play songs so harsh and unpleasant that observers are simply intimidated into believing that something new is going on. It is easy to suspect, however, that these musicians spend more time selecting their recherché guitars than moulding their tarish guitar patterns, sub-heathenish rhythms and obnoxious vocals into worthwhile music. The record business can scarcely afford to ignore such fierce commitment, such devoted artistry; nor will it.

Across Soho, in dingier but more appropriate surroundings, Sheffield's own Patersons (no pseudo-Africans, mind you), flowing Kevin Bacon's bass into prompt and control to flow. Andy Peak's discreet keyboard colour follows the guitar, which usually saves its hiring harmonies and clanging chords for the brief but intense instrumental codas. (In his respect, and in others, follows is a kindred spirit of the Sound's Adrian Borland.) While there are musicians of such passion and control around, the temperate over-conspicuousness of such as the Fire Engines can be held at bay.

Bartók centenary triple bill at the London Coliseum

A confusion of  
misconceived  
oriental images

Both of Bartók's ballets are difficult to stage, but Fleming Flindt's treatment of *The Miraculous Mandarin* has proved one of the most enduring of the Festival Ballet's revival of its repertoire. The score is long, the plot short. The music does not rise to the originality, intensity or sustained imagination of Bartók's other two stage works. The whole concept is rooted in a period when, except for Diaghilev's innovations, ballet was in a bad way. Granted all that, it still should be possible to make more of it than Geoffrey Cauley and Philip Prowse have done.

They seize on the slight orientalisms in the music, transfer them half round the world from the near to the far east, and adopt a manner jumbling devices from Chinese and Japanese theatre, but so halfheartedly that the black-skinned *kuroko* figures, conventionally accepted as invisible one moment, are kicking away in the chorus line the next minute. Visually, Prowse's costumes provide some striking moments, although the extent of the eastern debate varies from slight hints, a fan or a floating sleeve, to the dress with banners fixed all over its back and the brightly coloured facial quarterings worn by Patricia Ruane as a consequently mostly static fairy.

Choreographically, Cauley's attempt at a similar mixture is miserably half-hearted. Matz Skoog as the real prince has a few karate kicks to enliven his solos, but there is no point in having a trampoline for his attempts to reach the princess unless he jumps a lot higher. And, since taking off his fine coat is an important stage in his courtship, to show him first without it seems crazy.

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Caroline Humpston and Ben Van Cauwenbergh in *The Miraculous Mandarin*

'In performing symbolist works one ought surely to present the symbols ...'

For the operatic part of the evening, English National Opera have revived Glen Byam Shaw's production of *Duke Bluebeard's Castle* rather than create something new. It is an understated economy, since Bartók's one-act is not likely to be in the repertoire often, there being no obvious companion for the ballet. This *Miraculous Mandarin* should be an asset to Festival Ballet beyond the present commemorative occasion.

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"Wholly dehumanized" ... Nigel Terry as Don Juan

The stage (by Mr Gill's regular designer, Alison Chitty) consists of a bare timber platform, backed with projection screens for important décor elements. It is an unassuming, grey-clad chorus who hover at the margins of the platform in marked visual contrast to the vibrantly-clad principals. Here Mr Gill achieves his effects by the precise placing of actors for combative dialogues or major urades, and the severely rationed explosions of comic business.

Ron Pember's Sganarelle excels in these outbursts of long-contained energy; working up into paroxysms of nonsense and moral outrage, and instantly collapsing like a pricked bubble. Unlike his master, he presents an all-too-human face; a rodent-like scavenger, baring his teeth in an ingratiating snarl, no less hungry for his pickings from

Juan's table than Juan is for the female population at large. The paradox of their partnership is that while Juan conveys an image of decisive speed, and Sganarelle one of bumbling ineptitude, in fact Mr Terry's is by far the more measured performance, and Mr Pember an artist in lightning reversal of attitude and physical business.

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'Figaro' revival  
at Glyndebourne

The 1981 Glyndebourne Festival, with tickets costing from £13 to £26.50, opens on May 27 with a revival of Peter Hall's production of *Le nozze di Figaro*, with the conducting shared by Elihu Isral and Gustav Kuhn. There will be two casts, with Alberto Rinaldi and Knut Skram as Figaro, Norma Burrows and Maria Fausta Gellamini as Susanna, Isobel Buchanan and Felicity Lott as the Countess, Richard Stilwell and Faidi Esham and Colette Alliot-Lugaz as Cherubino.

A new production by John Cox of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* opens on May 30, with Sylvain Cambreling and Elgar Howarth conducting. In the cast are John Rawley as Figaro, Max René Cosetti as the Count, Claudio Desderi as Bartolo and Maria Ewing and Zehava Gal sharing the role of Rosina.

Peter Hall's new production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* starts on June 21, with Ileana Cotrubas, James Bowman, Ryland Davies, Dale Duesing, Cynthia Buchanan, Felicity Lott and Lieve Visser. *The Dream* will be conducted by Bernard Haitink, as will the revival of *Fidelio* which opens on July 16, with Josephine Barstow, Anton de Ridder, Malcolm Donnelly and Curt Appelgren.

Simon Rattle will conduct the revival of *Ariadne auf Naxos* opening on July 8, with a cast including Maria Ewing, Gianna Rolandi, Helena Döse and Dennis Bailey.

Delius's *Fennimore and Gerda* will have its American premiere as part of this year's season by the Opera Theatre of St Louis.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Max Harrison

Elijah  
Festival Hall

It was the drama in the story of Elijah that most passionately concerned Mendelssohn in his long discussions with an over-earnest librettist; and there was certainly no lack of enthusiastically projected dramatic incident in Tuesday's performance of his oratorio in which Brian Wright conducted the Goldsmiths' Choral Union and the Philharmonic Orchestra.

But it had the overall effect of a fuzzy stage production; too often musical and verbal details were over-insistently urged at the expense of the dramatic energy and shape of the larger unit and of the whole. Thomas Allen withdrew at the last minute from his role as Elijah and was replaced by Michael Rippon who sang with an ease and immediacy that obviously came from knowing

the part so well that he scarcely needed to look at his score. But he lacked both the interpretative authority and the consistent vocal support to avoid falling into mock heroics.

Maryon Hill was a forceful if at times laboured Chadiel, and even fiercer, more unrelentingly insistent was Avelar Gunson, an unusually forthright Angel; her increasingly powerful and distinctive thirty mezzo was better suited to the role of the Queen in the second half.

Linda Esther Gray, particularly moving as the widow (her "my son reviveth" was radiant enough for the last trumpet) was the only soloist fully to enter into the musical as well as the verbal drama.

The orchestra, although sometimes sluggish in its responses, urged along by its conductor, sustained impetuous permission and a chorus with the orchestra staying power with explanation to compensate for the pianissimo and generally only sense of line.

Berlin Chamber  
Orchestra  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Although the divided city of Berlin may have lost some of its pre-war orchestral variety and splendour, the eastern sector can be justly proud of this finely balanced and well-disciplined chamber ensemble. Since Heinz Schunk took over from the late Helmut Koch as its *Konzermeister* in 1975, the orchestra has achieved a considerable international reputation through its tours, broadcasts and recordings.

While devoting considerable attention to baroque music, it has not pursued the "true path of authenticity" to the same extent as its younger western counterparts, cherishing instead the warmth of modern instruments and bowing techniques. Nevertheless, its refined articulation and well-balanced cohesion ensures stylistic but unnumbered performance of the 18th Century repertoire.

The orchestra's South Bank concert began with J. C. Bach's

E flat symphony Opus 9 No 2. English audiences, playing down the excitement of its Mannheim crescendos and playing up the sentimentality of its muted andante, if the "London" Bach owed much to his Alliance experience, these German musicians clearly delight in the Italian Baroque masters who provided most of their programme.

While John Wilbraham did not quite match the string players neatly turned cadential trills, he nevertheless displayed brilliant virtuosic skill in a concerto by Torelli, a hybrid five-movement arrangement with more variety in texture, modulation and harmony than the usual Bolognese trumpet music.

A second concerto by the Venetian Albion ultimately caused him some lip problems.

In Tartin's rather predictable Concerto in D Minor, the leader/director Heinz Schunk revealed a sweet-toned lyricism which found an even more appropriate communal expression in Dvorak's String Serenade, providing a richly satisfying conclusion to the concert.

Arts agenda

Transatlantic traffic

The vogue for taking a bunch of old songs and turning them into a musical owes much to the demand for small-scale, low-budget productions; Britain's success in exporting compilation shows suggests other countries also like economical packages of nostalgia. It is harder to explain why Britain can produce shows based on old American songs and then succeed in selling them to America. *Side by Side by Sondheim* was a notable example.

The latest to be scheduled for transatlantic production is *Tom Foolery*, the West End revue based on the satirical songs of the American comic Tom Lehrer. It will be presented at the Krieger Theatre in Washington this autumn, with another production planned for Los Angeles. Cameron Mackintosh, the producer, says the show is more popular abroad than in Britain: productions are running or planned in Australia, South Africa, Hongkong, Ireland, Denmark, Israel and Canada. "Plagiarism does pay dividends", he says.

A puppet musical effort opens, a little belatedly, in the United States this week: *Cowardy Custard*, compiled from songs and sketches of Noel Coward, was launched in 1972 but has only now been taken up by the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut, a theatre which specializes in musicals and often transfers shows to Broadway. Ned Sherrin is directing, with Millicent Martin and Jeremy Brett leading the cast. The show has been renamed *Noel*, perhaps to aid American comprehension, but it now sounds like something more suited to Christmas.

A British production is at last being planned for Ligeti's comic opera *Le Grande macabre*, parts of which were performed in a concert version at the Festival Hall last night. After several years of discussion, English National Opera has decided to stage it in December next year.

The producer will be Elijah Moshinsky, whose new *Macbeth* is currently on show at Covent Garden. He will be his first ENO production, and he has also been booked for *Mastertriggers* there in 1984. He is not forsaking Covent Garden, but his immediate task is a BBC Shakespeare production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, with Helen Mirren as Titania.

A concert at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on April 25 celebrates both the discovery of the planet Uranus and the music of an almost forgotten composer. Sir William Herschel, who discovered the seventh planet in 1781, started life as a Hanoverian bandman; in England he developed as an organist and composer before his interest in harmony led him to mathematics and then to astronomy. Peter Wishart will conduct the Herschel Chamber Orchestra, with Sarah Francis as soloist, in Herschel's Oboe Concerto. The programme also

includes one of his symphonies, and Patrick Moore will give readings from the composer's diaries. Before becoming an astronomer, Herschel also taught music, but his methods were somewhat odd: he apparently trained his sister Caroline to become a successful oratorio singer by making her sing the violin parts of concertos with a gag in her mouth.

Herbert von Karajan brings the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra to the Festival Hall on May 27. Tickets cost up to £25. Then, at the Paris Opera on May 31 and June 1, he conducts a concert performance of Act III of *Persiane*, with Peter Hofmann, Kurt Moll and José Van Dam. The best seats there will be £45.

The Scottish Sculpture Trust is launching an open competition to create a memorial to the poet Hugh MacDiarmid. The Duke of Buccleuch has donated a site above Langholm, the Borders town where MacDiarmid was born in 1895. The Trust hopes to raise £7,500, which the Scottish Arts Council will match.

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# TIME FOR STRONG NERVES

Most strikes seek to make their effect in two ways: upon the pocket and upon the nerves. In the tedious middle stretches of a major dispute, while the strain on the nerves holds the centre of attention, and can sway the outcome. That is the stage that the Civil Service dispute has reached, after just over four weeks. The subtlety of this phase is especially great in a dispute where the direct effects of the action are more or less invisible to the public, except through the claims and counter-claims made by both sides. It is a time for steady nerves.

In making much of the effects of their action on defence establishments in the last few days, the unions may have made the kind of impatient error that is temptingly easy at this stage. It is unlikely that their action at military communications centres and naval yards has posed any real threat to allied defences, but that is no thanks to them. The reporting of comments reminiscent of parody like "We accept that this is putting the deterrent at risk, but this is a matter for the Government" (Mr William Wright, Institution of Professional Civil Servants) can scarcely create public sympathy, and must make the many civil servants who are uncertain about the strike wonder whether their leaders have lost all sense of proportion.

The Government, evidently

decided at the outset to let the dispute develop quietly for the time being. Little use has yet been made of the legitimate weapon of suspensions. But there have been recent hints of impatience among some ministers to be visibly taking an initiative in some way. Yesterday's united call for stronger Government action from the Confederation of British Industry and the Chambers of Commerce indicates a growing irritation at the spectacle of strike action by a group expected to have a sense of public responsibility, which already enjoys exceptional privileges in respect of job security and index-linked pension rights. Public resentment is widespread and justified, and it is likely to increase. But it remains vital that the Government should not take any initiative which threatens its economic strategy or rebuffs the support it has among the public, and among civil servants themselves.

The point that cannot be retreated from is the commitment to maintain the cash limits. A 7 per cent offer to a group whose pay has risen 50 per cent in two years is neither hardship nor injustice at a time of economic crisis. Nor is the emergency going to end quickly. Sir Geoffrey Howe has already indicated that 5 per cent cash limits will apply next year too. Any new proposals must take these imperatives into account. It will be a betrayal of many sacrifices if some form of words

is found which, in the end, yields more money.

The only ground for negotiation is on the procedures for settling civil service pay, and it is dangerous ground. It is under-standable that the abandonment of the former pay research system has increased resentment and, with it, the level of guerrilla warfare. Some form of independent assessment may be inevitable. But the old concept of comparability has been shown to be against the public interest. It has tended to hasten inflation and increase unfairness between the public and the private sector, especially when no account has been taken of time lags which have produced larger increases for civil servants than other workers are settling for lower rates. Most important, the old system of comparability was distorted by failing to weigh properly the immeasurable value of job security and index-linked pensions.

Market forces, as reflected by the number and quality of recruits, should have a greater influence in future. The only scope for negotiation, as we have argued, is an arrangement under which the pay and privileges of civil servants are protected in return for a guarantee not to strike. It is the unions who should take the initiative here, not the Government. It has been abused and damaged enough, and however uncomfortable the prospects, would be imprudent to start the overtures.

## WELCOME COMPETITION IN BANKING

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is one of the great institutions of British commercial and colonial history. In its present manifestation it is one of the great banking empires of the modern commercial world. Based in Hongkong, it is in most senses a very British enterprise. Its aid for the Royal Bank of Scotland, however, poses potentially difficult questions for the British authorities.

It has intervened in order to prevent the agreed merger between the Royal Bank and another major British overseas banking group, Standard Chartered Bank. It has proposed a price which suggests strongly that in the interests of existing Royal Bank shareholders the bid should be accepted. The attraction for the Hongkong Shanghai (as for Standard Chartered) is that it is the bank into the highly lucrative British domestic banking business, at present dominated by the big four clearing banks.

The question inevitably arises whether or not this bid should be referred to the Monopolies Commission. In the case of the Standard Chartered deal, a decision about referring had not been taken and the issue was

under study by the Office of Fair Trading. The Bank of England, however, had made it clear that for its part it saw no objection to the deal. With the Hongkong Shanghai bid, on the contrary, the clear impression is that the Bank of England has severe reservations and would on balance be in favour of a reference.

The Office of Fair Trading, the Department of Trade, the Bank of England and in the end Mr Biffen, the Secretary of State for Trade, can either take a narrow or a broad view of the issues involved. If they take a narrow view, looking simply at the merits of the potential take-over of the Royal Bank by the Hongkong Shanghai, there can be no grounds for making a reference.

The point is made that the Hongkong Shanghai is not a British-based bank. But it will become the authorities responsible for an international banking centre like London to make such a point. All major British banks have been engaged for years in the process of expansion into other banking systems. The British clearing banks, which have been at the front of this trend can now hardly object to an outside bank carrying the

counter-attack in their direction. The arrival of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank on the British domestic banking scene can only increase rather than decrease competition and service to the customer. In this narrow context, therefore, there is no real ground for a reference.

It is, however, possible to advance the argument that the time is ripe for a more general look at the structure of British banking, as we go into the rapidly changing context of the 1980s. During the 1950s and 1970s there took place what some have come to regard as an excessive concentration of the main domestic banking business in the United Kingdom, until it was effectively dominated by the present big four banks. With the growth of international banking and the abolition of exchange controls, the climate of the 1980s is going to be very different. If, in the context of the Hongkong Shanghai bid for the Royal Bank, it was possible to devise terms of reference which allowed the Monopolies Commission to consider and report on the wider issues of concentration in the British banking scene, there might be some purpose in a reference. Otherwise there is none.

## PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND POLICE ASSAULT

A vast majority of complaints against the police are treated with scrupulous care; and citizens have reason to be grateful to policemen in an age of increasing violence. But there is a minority of complaints against a police which gives cause for quiet, and it is in complaints against the police themselves are used of violence. The report, yet unpublished, of the Home Office Research Unit, makes out sufficient case that investigations of allegations by members of the public that they have been assaulted by the police are too quickly handled without the degree of commitment that the public has a right to expect and, some cases, are dealt with gingerly, and deliberately so. It is now no longer enough for a police merely to assert, as David McNea did yesterday, that all such complaints are meticulously investigated.

The Research Unit supports, generally, the proposal of the annual review of the Police Complaints Board, that there should be a specialist investigating team to look into complaints against the police. The police, however, are not to be allowed to change the enormous restrictions on the police which have been put in place by the Home Office. Last month a Home Office working party rejected the proposal for a separate unit and

suggested that the supervisory role should be played by the Director of Public Prosecutions, wearing a new hat, or by the Chairman of the Police Complaints Board. The curious aspect of the working party which opposed the recommendation was that its chairman, Lord Plowden, was also the chairman of the Police Complaints Board which had put it forward. The majority of the committee was made up of representatives of police organizations. It is not surprising that its conclusion was received with some embarrassment by the Home Office.

The police claimed that it would be administratively difficult to set up a separate system merely to deal with serious complaints, that it would be costly, and that it would not be easy to recruit policemen of sufficient calibre to serve on the investigating team, because most of them would find it distasteful to perform such work. That last objection seems not to have applied in the case of the Metropolitan Police, which has had no difficulty in recruiting officers for its complaints branch. (although their enthusiasm for the chase, previously well-regarded, has now, of course, been put in doubt).

The first two objections, however, may have force, though less than the police believe. But if it is not considered desirable to set

up a completely new scheme (and a decision on that should not treat the working party's conclusion with too much respect), there is still a great deal that can be done to strengthen the procedures within the Police Complaints Board itself.

It is implicit in the Research Unit's report that the part-time members of the board, by failing to spot some of the shortcomings in the police investigation, have not exhibited the sharpness of mind that their positions as independent watchdogs on behalf of the public require. For that matter, the staff of the Director of Public Prosecutions have not covered themselves with glory. Most if not all of the complaints in question must have come before his department, and the result does not show great efficiency on the part of those whose task it was to sift the evidence.

What is required now is for the Police Complaints Board to be given sufficient experienced staff to be able to look carefully at every file in which an allegation of serious assault is made, and, if necessary, to send it back to the Chief Constable or Metropolitan Police Commissioner with a note of reservation about the standard of investigation. It would still leave the investigation of complaints in police hands, as it should be, but would yield greater independent scrutiny.

**scal policy and output**

Professor P. T. Bauer, FBA, in *Professor Amartya Sen* writes that there is "immediate need for a less deflationary policy to change the enormous restrictions on the economy which have been put in place by the Home Office. Last month a Home Office working party rejected the proposal for a separate unit and

he assessed simply on the basis of statistics of aggregate output and recorded unemployment. It is necessary to look more closely at what is happening in the real economy. This has justified financial expansion. Memory of that crisis is at least as illuminating as Professor Sen's reference to Napoleon's Russian campaign of 1812.

Yours faithfully,  
P. T. BAUER,  
London School of Economics and Political Science,  
Houghton Street, WC2.  
April 7.

**Chantrey treasures**

From Mrs Hilary Bagshawe

Sir, On Tuesday (April 7) we celebrated here in Norton the birth two hundred years ago of the village's most famous son, Sir Francis Chantrey.

I am writing as a member of a family that has close connections with Chantrey (among other things his father was our estate carpenter and he was educated in the village school which was financed by the family).

In Mr Alan Bowness's letter to *The Times* (April 2) it was understood that there are so many pictures bought by the money left by the sculptor, that they cannot all be seen.

Would it not be a nice gesture for the trustees of the bequest to lend, on permanent loan, a certain number of pictures to the Mappin art gallery in Sheffield (which is an excellent modern well-run gallery) for the benefit of the citizens of Sheffield? I am sure it would have pleased him enormously that Sheffield benefit from his bequest in this bi-centenary year.

I remain, Sir,  
Yours sincerely,  
HILARY BAGSHAWE,  
Oakes-in-Norton,  
Sheffield.

## Justice and racial harmony

From Miss Rosalind King

Sir, I was alarmed to see that cases against those charged in connection with the Bristol riots had been dropped "in the interest of racial harmony".

If all races are to be accepted equal within a society, then must all be seen to be treated equally by that society and to bear the same responsibilities to it.

To drop this case not only the cause of racial harmony but that of British justice, a precedent in itself, but also is to inflame rather than quell racial prejudice.

Yours faithfully,  
ROSALIND KING,  
38 Marlborough Park Avenue,  
Chislehurst,  
Kent,  
April 6.

From Mr Indra Kulatilake

Sir, Allow me your columns to congratulate the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset, Mr Brian Weigh, who advised the Director of Public Prosecutions not to order a retrial of the remaining four defendants in the Bristol riot trial in the interest of good race relations.

If Sir David McEneaney proved with similar foresight in the Southall riot cases the relations between the Southall community and a police might not be what they are today.

The decision of the Attorney General, Sir Kenneth Robinson, to commit to a multi-racial jury, demonstrated by anyone in authority, will undoubtedly strengthen the conviction of us the silent majority of voluntary workers in the cause of better race relations that it is not

## Contribution of national service

From Dr Alec Dickson

Sir, Sir Hugh Fraser's article (April 8) on "The acceptable new face of national service" is as courageous as it is creative.

As a member of a working party that is considering how some such approach as Sir Hugh advocates might actually be implemented, may I make several points?

(a) Over the last twenty years there has been a steady swing of the pendulum in the way in which service is viewed, from when it was the bright-eyed, highly-calibrated, sixth-form-leaver, probably Victor Ludorum and/or school captain, and with an Oxbridge place already secured, who leapt at opportunities of service, particularly those offered abroad.

But today a Court can sentence you to so many hours of community service as an alternative to imprisonment; if already in a Borstal, you may be released for the last month or so of your sentence to become a Community Service Volunteer; if you are in the bottom stream of a comprehensive school there is the possibility that service in the local neighbourhood may be timetabled in your syllabus (but the more gifted, staying on for GCE and with university aspirations, will probably be sent to a boarding school or an unemployed school-leaver and considered inadequate even for a MSC-funded Work Experience on Employers' Premises scheme, then you might find yourself channelled to a Springhead programme concerned to help those in need.

In short, service is no longer the prerogative of young mandarins—but the last resort of coolies. Thus the Two Nations division of which Disraeli wrote over a century ago is being reinforced.

## Ban on Veronica Rostropovich

From Mr Claudio Abbado and others

Sir, On April 22 the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Dmitri Kuznetsov will be giving a concert at the Royal Festival Hall.

Among the members of the orchestra is Veronica Rostropovich, who has played in the first violin section of this orchestra for 25 years. She also happens to be the sister of the Russian musician Mstislav Rostropovich. Ever since he was arbitrarily stripped of his Soviet citizenship (in March 1973) his sister has been refused permission to travel abroad with the orchestra. The only official explanation for this refusal is the fact of her relationship with a person whose life and work can, in our opinion, only bring honour to his fellow countrymen.

Having approached and made representations to all the relevant authorities, Veronica Rostropovich recently wrote a letter to President Brezhnev. Her answer was a summons from the Vice-Minister of Culture, Vasily Kukharov, who told her that whilst he was alive, she would never go abroad again.

As musicians, we find this to be intolerable discrimination against a fellow musician—as citizens we deplore this flagrant breach of the Helsinki Agreement on Human Rights. We ask the Soviet Government to reconsider this decision.

Yours faithfully,  
CLAUDIO ABBADO,  
DANIEL BARENBOIM,  
COLIN DAVIS,  
JAMES GALWAY,  
BERNARD HAITINK,  
YEBUDI MENUHIN,  
PETER PEARLS,  
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As from: 4 Holland Park Avenue, W11.  
April 7.

## Appointment of bishops

From the Chaplain of Mansfield College

Sir, Two things struck me like a bolt in your leader of April 4 on "The Translation of Dr Leonard".

The first was the slur (perhaps unintended, but none the better for that) on Bishop Habgood when you suggest that Dr Leonard is a good appointment because he has the "intellectual, moral and doctrinal force of a kind the Church stands in some need of". As if the other Bishop does not?

The second point you imply is that Mrs Thatcher has better judgment than the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Queen on the state of the faith in these islands, since they supported the losing candidate. Right. Let her loose on the Church as on the economy. There are too many employed vicars anyway.

Yours sincerely,  
CHARLES BROCK,  
Mansfield College,  
Oxford,  
April 4.

## Appointment of bishops

right names were submitted in the first place.

It is clear that the present method of making Crown appointments was devised to safeguard the Prime Minister from being simply a rubber stamp to what must in the nature of the case be the Church's ultimate responsibility. But it can also be seen to demonstrate two other principles. (1) The biblical truth that church committees have no monopoly of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (2) The Prime Minister, in virtue of the office, has the means of sounding out a sizeable amount of lay opinion (and clerical, for that matter) which might not otherwise be given proper consideration by the Church's own councils, despite synodical government.

It would be a pity if the present system resulted in mass lobbying. But then anyone who has reached the position of Prime Minister should be able to justify such pressure for what it is worth.

Yours sincerely,  
GEOFFREY N. SEAW,  
Wycliffe Hall,  
Oxford,  
April 6.

## From the Principal of Wycliffe Hall

Sir, Many of your readers may share my bewilderment at the reaction of Church opinion following the appointment of the new Bishop of London. Is it too naive to suggest that if the selection process demands two names to be submitted to the Prime Minister by the Church, even though there may be an order of precedence, the voting strength, the Church should nevertheless be delighted when either one of them is appointed? If it cannot rejoice in this way then one must question whether the

## From the Reverend J. E. Cummins

Sir, Mrs Thatcher has acquired a reputation for bringing the nation to its knees.

Such distinction—surely the envy of any Church leader—should qualify her to recommend her personal choice of bishop to her Majesty.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES CUMMINS,  
Skyborry,  
Knights,  
Powys.

## MIND and its work

From Mr Tony Smythe

Sir, I am sorry that Ronald Butt (March '81) felt compelled in the emotional climate generated by the PTE Exchange to lead his support to the unrelenting attacks on MIND and myself.

In 1975 MIND organized a workshop for mental health professionals at their request on the psychological problems of various sexual minorities. A successful male homosexual, a lesbian, a transsexual and a paedophile gave their own accounts of their experiences and concerns. A short report appeared in *Mind* and which goes to the heart of the matter. The workshop was not solely nor predominantly concerned with paedophilia.

During the same period I was a trustee of the Albany Trust, which promotes counselling services for people with psychological problems. Following the workshop the trust was asked to comment by PTE on a draft manifesto. The advice given was that while the paedophile experience needed to be better understood, demands to remove all legal protection for children at risk from sexual exploitation by adults were entirely unacceptable.

In 1977, together with many other concerned people and the press, I attended a public meeting organized

## Art education

From the Chief Officer of the Council for National Academic Awards

Sir, Professor Steer and his distinguished colleagues in their letter (April 4) state that my inquiry intends to phase out its History of Art and Design and Complementary Studies Board. Some of your readers may be led to believe that the studies for which the board has been responsible will likewise be phased out. Nothing could be further from the truth.

There has been in recent years a vigorous move on the part of the study of the studio staff in the colleges and polytechnics towards a greater degree of relevance and a closer integration between historical, theoretical and other complementary studies and the work done in the studio and workshop. The CNA has recognized this development and believes that its own structure of subject boards should be modified to accommodate it.

The council has therefore agreed that the History of Art and Design and Complementary Studies Board in its present form should be phased out. It will be replaced by a new History of Art and Design Board, with responsibility for the important group of self-standing specialist degree courses in the history of art and design. The other subject boards will assume a larger measure of responsibility for the historical and associated studies which contribute to and should be an integral part of courses in the practice of art and design. The membership of all the boards will reflect these various functions.

During the next few months the Council's Committee for Art and Design, on which all relevant interests are represented, will be making recommendations to the council on the best way of implementing these decisions, with due regard for the preservation of standards.

Yours faithfully,  
EDWIN KERR, Chief Officer,  
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34-35 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.  
April 4.

## Civil Service pay offer

From Mr P. A. Bayliss

Sir, Mr Callaghan's Government was right three years ago when it proposed a 5 per cent pay norm. Mrs Thatcher's Government was equally right when it set the 6 per cent cash limit and its offer to the Civil Service of a 7 per cent increase in pay is, if anything, more generous in relation to what the economy can bear.

It is a great pity that the 364 economists who announced their collective disapproval of the Government's general economic policy did not endorse this most vital feature of the present situation.

The unpalatable fact is that, when considering our greatest problem, inflation, economists are still agreed neither as to the cause nor the cure. The Association of Independent Businesses has been very critical of the Government's failure to implement its declared policies, especially as regards the rate of reduction in current public expenditure. On the authority of the Budget statement this failure is attributable largely to the £25 billion accounted for by increases in public services pay bill resulting from the Clegg commission and similar catch-up exercises, many involving staged settlements. And, despite this ill-

## Not juste

From the Archdeacon of Durham

Sir, Had Philip Howard (April 4) been a farmer, he would have known that the singular of "cattle" is "beast".

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL PERRY,  
7 The College,  
Durham.

## Art at a price

From Mr Coleman Morrison

Sir, Although the Dali painting is the most expensive work by a living artist sold at auction (for £350,000) a work by Jasper Johns was purchased by the Whitney Museum in New York in September 1980 for \$1m (£450,000) a record purchase price for a work by a living artist. The painting was bought from Mr and Mrs Burton Tremaine who originally purchased it in the early 1950s from a New York gallery for \$900, plus \$15 delivery charge.

Sincerely,  
COLEMAN MORRISON,  
48 Cadogan Place, SW1,  
April 1.

## Auchinleck's tactics

From Mr Correlli Barnett

Sir, Lord Auchinleck's advice to General Ritchie before the Gazala battle in May 1942, is unfortunately not wholly accurate.

According to the *Official History* (vol III, p 218), Auchinleck thought that Rommel might attack either by the southern flank or through the British centre, though he believed the latter attack the more likely. He suggested that both British armoured divisions should be concentrated astride the Trigh Capuzzo track west of El Adem, where they could meet either contingency.

He further wrote to Ritchie: "I consider it to be of the greatest importance that you should not break up the organization of either of the armoured divisions. They have been trained to fight as divisions, I hope, and fight as divisions they should be."

In point of fact, Ritchie and/or his subordinate commanders ignored this advice, placing 7 Armoured well to the south of the Trigh Capuzzo and 1 Armoured, indeed dangerously forward, and in itself not well concentrated. Hence Rommel was able to "jump" its formations piecemeal.

Yours faithfully,  
CORRELLI BARNETT,  
University of Cambridge,  
Faculty of History,  
West Road, Cambridge,  
April 4.

## Diminishing returns

From Mr Robin Bryer

Sir, As a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTP) I have become accustomed to being addressed as Mr T. Pi. It has an oriental ring to it which I find rather charming.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBIN BRYER,  
Clasgowth,  
Yeovil, Somerset.















BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## Winners and losers in mail order reporting season

Freemans was the first independent mail order house to report on last year. Its profits fell 31 per cent. The Budget made an already bleak outlook appear worse, but a 8 per cent increase in agents helped secure a bigger market share.

Yesterday, the smaller Empire Stores (Bradford) admitted to a 24 per cent drop in £5.6m in profits after sales excluding value added tax rose by little more than 7 per cent, well below inflation and clothing volume fall. However, retrenching made only a mild second-half deterioration.

Like Freemans, Empire complains of public sector price inflation, and a loss on a recent cost basis explains the unchanged dividend.

The real loser in terms of market share is Grattan which has been retrenching since its profits plunged in 1979. 1979-80 Grattan boosted pre-tax profits nearly £2m so that they came out at £2.2m when it changed its basis of accounting for value added tax from the "accruals" method (accounting for VAT at the date of a invoice) to the revenue basis (accounting for VAT as the cash comes in).

The Accounting Standards Committee had Grattan to change back, which flatters offits in a period of falling debtors.

Grattan has, however, cut borrowings from £33m to £14m by making once-for-all retrenchments in every direction, and this should also benefit from lower interest rates and a drop in the provision for bad debts which over-expansion pushed from 7m to £6.3m last year. Moreover, it has a 7m to £6.3m loss, and net profits this year will be bigger.

So Grattan finished last year with a profit account loss of £644,000, and it is clear how the group will find the capital needs when expansion resumes. Meanwhile early restoration of the 34 per cent dividend cut looks unlikely.

Nevertheless, neither Empire or Grattan ported as badly as feared. Grattan's profits rose 12p to 84p and Empire's by 6p to 136p.



It appears that North American buyers Rolls-Royce motor cars, of which the new Spirit (above) is the latest for those who can afford \$109,000 (£53,000), have decided that the recession is over.

This year Rolls-Royce reckons that the States sales will actually increase by 40 units to 1,300, representing 40 per cent of total output from the Crewe works. For the first time there is a chance that the United States will exceed this year as the most important market for Rolls-Royces.

This should be good news for shareholders in the new Rolls-Royce Vickers group which is due to produce its first results later this month. Not long ago the States prospects for Rolls-Royce looked ominous.

It all accounts the merger just under a year ago has been accomplished smoothly, there seems little doubt that the 1980 come will meet expectations—which include a forecast dividend of 17.1p a share to produce a yield of 10 1/2 per cent at the shares at 167p.

### 1 & Duffus

### creases e dividend

& Duffus, a leading soft commodity dealer, has ended the year on target. Profits £23.1m are £2.5m up and suggest that company has moved off a three-year lull. Moreover, this is despite a lack of performance from cocoa trading, once profits mainstay but now accounting for less than half of profits.

rubber trading was a strong feature in the second half, but tailed off in the second, a

pattern common to commodity traders like G & D.

As a result of lower activity in some key areas group turnover fell from £711m to £629m. But changes proposed in the Budget mean that the tax charge was £7.66m compared with £8.97m. Moreover, the elimination of clawback from relief for stock appreciation has allowed £5.99m to be injected into the profit and loss account below the line. So post tax profits leapt from £18.1m to £21.4m.

On this basis earnings rose substantially to 23.2p against 17.1p a share. Emboldened by this, the final dividend is up from 5.71p gross to 6.86p gross, a 20 per cent increase to 12p for the year. With the shares up 10p to 201p last night, the yield is just under 6 per cent. Bearing in mind the slow start to 1981 in the cocoa and coffee markets, and the problems still being encountered in chemicals trading, that looks fair.

### Glynwed

### South Africa saves the day

One of the market's favourite high-yielders bit the dust yesterday when Glynwed cut its final dividend by more than a quarter to leave the total payment down by a fifth. But the fact that the expected profits shortfall had been confined to £2.5m for a pre-tax total of £16.1m was enough to fuel a 3p rise to 100 1/2p in the share price where the yield is still over 10 per cent.

The Glynwed story is still one of terrible conditions at home. Trading profits have fallen two-fifths offset by booming returns from the South African appliances operation which has lifted trading profits from £3.2m to £8.5m. Glynwed has also suffered the embarrassment of a £1m pre-tax loss and a further £1.5m below the line provision on ill-conceived Middle East contracts won by one of its smaller mechanical subsidiaries.

Like so many others in miserable steel and engineering sectors Glynwed remains a sound recovery hope, but will have to continue taking the strain for most of this year. Indeed, it may require something dramatic from South Africa to prevent a further profits fall. Meanwhile, at least gearing at around 60 per cent is being held in check and the reduced dividend is more than twice covered.

### London Brick

### Still tied to the building cycle

London Brick made just £3.5m in the second half of the year against £9.6m. So final profits are £10.7m against £12.7m.

Volume dipped by 17 per cent as private sector housebuilding demand dried up, only a 19 per cent price increase last April staved off the worst effects. There is now a slight seasonal upturn in private building, though the fall in interest rates was too little and too late for London Brick to hope for any real upturn before the end of the year.

Again, an April price rise, this time of 12.7 per cent will provide relief. For now the balance sheet, though less liquid as higher stocks soaked up cash, is roughly unchanged and stocks are not rising significantly thanks to the 17 per cent curtailment in capacity due to the Ridgmont closure and a four-day working week.

Meanwhile, an attempt to break free from the brick cycle through a move into prefabricated buildings went wrong producing losses which can at least be eliminated this year.

So London Brick remains grimly tied to the cycle which means it should achieve a five-day week and gently falling stocks by the end of this year, interest rates permitting. This will not produce much excitement though it should be enough to support the shares when combined with the view that building materials will be the earliest to react to the end of the recession.

Yet at 81p, up 4 1/2p yesterday, the shares yield 7.7 per cent, a discounted rating relative to the sector and one which is likely to persist after the diversification failure and the unexciting record.

### Economic notebook

## Hot days ahead in Gabon

It is beginning to look as if the meeting of finance ministers from industrialized and developing countries in Libreville, Gabon next month, could become nearly as heated as the streets outside the conference room. The ministers will be in Gabon for the meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank and will have to discuss the international monetary and financial system.

Since these committees last met—during the annual conference of the IMF and World Bank in Washington in the autumn—circumstances have altered for the worse in several ways.

The 11-week old Reagan Administration has begun cutting its aid budget and reshuffling its payments to the various aid agencies. The effect of this will be substantially to reduce the amount of money available to them, at least for a time, if not indefinitely. Even some of the money which has been allocated for aid purposes is now being blocked by Congress.

For some agencies, the combined action of the United States Administration and Congress could spell disaster. The International Development Association—an arm of the World Bank which lends to very poor countries for 50 years, virtually interest-free—is effectively broke and must turn away countries seeking loans.

It was bad enough when it was just Britain that was cutting its aid. The United States action is sending shock waves through the international financial institutions. Reagan officials have also hinted strongly that they may block the proposed energy fund, which would be run by the World Bank and make loans for Third World energy investment. The developing countries seem certain to react to all this with considerable hostility.

At the same time, fresh fears have begun to surface about the ability of the financial system to recycle the huge "petrodollar" surpluses of the oil exporting nations and the capacity of the oil-importing nations of the Third World to go on piling up debts.

The current account surplus of the oil exporting states, it is predicted, will reach \$140,000m this year and \$160,000m in 1982. The deficit of the oil-importing Third World nations now seems likely to reach \$30,000m this year (against \$70,000m in 1980) and, perhaps, rise a little further next year. Unlike the situation after the 1973-74 oil price rise, relative oil prices are not expected to decline in the coming years. On the contrary, many experts see a continuing rise in the price.

### Interest rate increases

Another worrying factor is the threat of a prolonged world recession. After the recession of 1974-75, the industrialized nations recovered strongly. Now, there is a much greater determination to pursue tight monetary and fiscal policies until inflation is brought under control. This means that any recovery will be only slow and gradual. Growth in the industrial nations will probably be low for some years.

On top of all this, the end of cheap energy has been joined by the end of cheap money. During much of the 1970s, the interest rates on dollar loans were below world inflation levels. In other words, there was a negative real interest rate.

Inflation benefited debtors by eroding the real value of their outstanding debt. The debts of the Third World nations were a less serious problem while this process was at work. But for well over a year the cost of Eurodollar loans has exceeded the rate of inflation.

High interest rates have been used widely in the industrialized nations to bring down inflation. Prices have been rising less fast on average in the

industrial world, but interest rates remain high. Ten years ago, the 12 biggest Third World borrowers (excluding oil exporters) paid interest of \$1,100m on their external debt. This was equivalent to less than 6 per cent of their export earnings, and represented an average interest rate of 3.2 per cent.

In 1980, interest payments reached \$16,000m, giving an average interest rate of about 9 per cent and absorbing 16 per cent of export earnings—a figure which could reach 20 per cent this year, according to bankers Morgan Guaranty Trust.

As a result of all these developments, many low-income and middle-income Third World countries face serious financial difficulties. This is tending to focus attention once again on the Third World demands for reforms to the international monetary and financial system.

### Large trade deficits

The developing countries believe they are being obliged to carry a disproportionate share of the adjustment burden which the world as a whole must make following the profound changes in financial and trade patterns that took place during the 1970s. They are being squeezed between the oil exporting states and the industrial world. As a consequence, they are facing large trade deficits and are expected to make disproportionate painful economic policy corrections.

On top of this, when the IMF prescribes a course which may be suitable for treating some domestic economic problems, but not those arising from fundamental structural problems in the world economy, like the huge "petrodollar" surpluses.

The IMF has accepted that the developing countries have a point, and it has made several important changes in the terms on which it lends and the conditions imposed on borrowers. But there are clearly limits to how far it can go in the present complexion of some Western governments.

Sir Geoffrey Howe has made it clear that he expects developing countries to reduce their deficits, even though, at the global level, the Third World deficit can only be reduced if there is either a corresponding reduction in the oil producers' surplus (which largely depends on oil prices), or an increase in the deficit of the industrialized world.

All of this has become entangled with the longer-term future of the IMF and the kind of institution that it should be in the late 1980s. It is becoming increasingly tailored towards serving the needs of the Third World.

Most developing countries gave a wide berth during the 1970s because they disliked the conditions it imposed. But during the last year Third World nations have become the principal "users" of the fund's resources for the first time since 1947.

The IMF is embarking on an important review of the distribution of fund quotas (which govern the size of loans and votes on policy matters). The developing countries want their share of quotas raised from about 33 per cent to 45 per cent or even 50 per cent.

Reform of the financial system appears once again to be building up a head of steam.

Melvyn Westlake

## Hard choices for the building societies

### WHO PAYS THE RECOMMENDED MORTGAGE RATE?

House price	Halifax	Abbey National	Nationwide	Leeds	Woolwich
to £13,000	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
£13,000-£15,000	13.0	13.0	13.25	13.0	13.0
£15,000-£20,000	13.5	13.5	13.5 up to £17,000	13.5	13.5
			13.75 up to £19,000		
			14.0 up to £21,000		
£20,000-£25,000	14.0	14.0	14.25	14.0	14.0
£25,000-£30,000	14.5	14.5	14.75	14.5	14.5
£30,000-£35,000	14.5	15.0	15.25	15.0	14.5
£35,000-£40,000	14.5	15.0	15.25	15.5	14.5
£40,000	14.5	15.0	15.75		14.5

\* by negotiation.

ing banks began to muscle into the mortgage market. They are now offering mortgages on larger properties at rates which are undeniably more attractive than those offered by the building societies.

It is, for example, possible to get a Scottish Life endowment-type Citibank home loan for £30,000 at an interest rate of only 14 per cent. Compare that with the rates—shown in the table—charged by the big five building societies (to which another 1 per cent must be added for an endowment mortgage).

But any moves on the investment front immediately run into the other pressures which societies are facing on this front, notably from the National Savings movement with its index-linked savings schemes and higher interest rates on conventional savings.

If the societies cannot with conviction cut their investment rates, but equally cannot permit the differential mortgage interest rate structure to continue to make such inroads, what then?

The answer has to be higher mortgage interest rates for all. One option then for the Building Societies Association would be to fix rates which reflect the ability of the highest earners to operate on smaller margins than the rest which itself would splinter the cartel. It is arguable that the association has been too accommodating to the smaller and medium societies.

Caught in a pincer between intense National Savings competition for investments and the growing bank pressure of the lending front, it is time for the building society industry to jettison the theory that it is an homogeneous movement. It is not; yet this is what the recommended interest rate structure is intended to reflect.

Maybe Mr Williams was tactless in the way in which he brought the subject into the open. Had he talked perhaps of a switch to a "market" or "base" rate structure to replace the recommended rate system, it would have more cosmetic appeal. It would pay the way just as easily for a split in the rate structure between those societies which cannot afford more, and those which cannot but keep the illusion of solidarity which is so important to the Building Societies Association.

For a movement which is quick of the market to ask for inflation and the mortgage tax relief ceiling and the like it has

Margaret Stone

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## Business Diary: Henley, money and mpg • Italian saving graces

ley Administrative Staff College, which claims to be the oldest business school, is to take delivery of a brand Volvo.

his apparently unpatriotic is however, quite the reverse: the car is in part-payment of £12,000 in fees Henley get for teaching ten high- from the Swedish car.

like Jones, director of the rational management at Henley, has more than reason to be pleased with new business. It is not only the first time that the Swedes bought British—it is also in the eye for the French, who having patronized the EAD school near Paris up now.

olvo chose Henley after a trip here in January. The Volvo executives are decided for tailor-made courses at Henley and in their own cars around the world.

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fter all, principal Tom npper's favourite car just pens to be... yes, you've sed.

At the end of each year "Giovanni Rossi", the typical Italian (the equivalent of our John Smith) receives a sheet of complicated figures with his last quarter's bank statement. They are intended to show the state of his account between each transaction so that interest can be calculated.

In Italy current accounts earn interest like deposit accounts, so most people do not bother to tie their money down on deposit.

"Rossi" probably does not understand anything about the calculations, except for the figure at the foot of the page, which shows the interest with which his account will be credited.

But what he has now begun to understand is that he is getting only 10 or 11 per cent gross, while inflation has been running at more than 20 per cent. What he receives net is even less, because the government takes a flat 20 per cent of the interest as tax.

As a result he has been switching his savings elsewhere, particularly into tax-free treasury bonds and certificates, where he can reckon on up to 18 per cent. This still does not provide a full hedge against inflation, but it has been worrying the banks in general and



Ellen Rocco (right) is the publisher and co-founder of The Creative Handbook, the latest edition of which is out in the shops today. Although Ms Rocco has been bringing out the handbook since 1973, this year's is a special one because it is on general sale for the first time—it has been confined to specialist bookshops up until now. The price is £18.50.

The handbook has the names, addresses and telephone numbers of thousands of contacts in 16 categories ranging from advertising consultants to professional organizations and business emergency services.

particularly the savings banks. At a recent meeting of the Italian Association of Savings Banks in Genoa, the deputy director of the association, said that while in the 1970s the money held in customers' accounts had risen steadily, early in 1980 it had started to fall. Thought the trend was reversed again in the second half of the year, the total increase in savings banks accounts in 1980 was only 12.3 per cent, representing "dis-saving" in real terms.

The signs are that the trend will worsen this year, because in January alone deposits fell in nominal terms by 2 per cent. What is the answer? Vercillo

My note about the fight which the author Anthony Mockley is having with Oxford University Press over its rejection of his book on Little Salasie spurred fellow author Peter Hill to get in touch with me.

While Mockley advertised in The Spectator for similarly aggrieved authors to contact him, Hill's revenge took the form of giving OUP in his novel The Cuban Connection, which Robert Hale published last year.

Hill, who wrote the novel under the pen name of Peter Pembroke, had an O-level English language textbook killed by OUP after a change of editor there.

In The Cuban Connection, a don called Horace Muir curses "that bunch of old women in Walton Street" after a call from a "Michael Morrow" at OUP and he is head of a department which includes textbooks on English.

Let us hope verisimilitude does not go too far. Before Muir can fashion his revenge, he is bumped off, although not. I hasten to add, by OUP. I know things are bad in the publishing business these days, but that would be taking things a little too far.

Mind you, give it another year or so...

The fast-moving chairman of the hobbling British Steel Corporation, Ian MacGregor, will be in New York next week to collect this year's Business Statesman Award made each year by the Harvard Business School Club of Greater New York.

The award is for the recipients' "significant contribution and leadership in business". Previous winners include David Rockefeller and Henry Ford II.

MacGregor is at the centre of a smouldering controversy in the United States over his role in the Standard Oil of California \$400m bid for AMAX, the American mining and metals company of which he is a director.

The Harvard award, according to one of his aides, takes the form of a "rather splendid engraved crystal bowl. It is not a crystal ball, given the state of the steel industry these days.

How appropriate, I thought, as I passed a sign at a building site in Nine Elms, south London, yesterday. It proclaimed that the demolition contractor was an "R. Rumble".

Ross Davies



## FINANCIAL NEWS

## Stock markets

## Stores and oils lead way in sudden recovery

Equities bounced back into favour again yesterday supported by strong demand from institutional investors.

Jobbers expressed some surprise at the strength and suddenness of the recovery after marking prices easier at the outset in the wake of Tuesday's disappointing banking figures.

The Soviet Union's decision to give Poland more time to sort out its problems and the ending of the Warsaw Pact military manoeuvres obviously improved sentiment, but dealers were not sure that this was the sole reason for the sudden surge in demand.

Even so, with the banking figures now discounted, the market was again talking of a further cut in MLR soon and signs of an end to the recession.

Stores and oils made a strong showing and investors were also treated to a large list of trading statements that served to create further interest. New time buying, ahead of the long three-week Easter account which starts on Friday, was another reason for the increased activity.

Sh-sh Wall Street opening resumed trade the FT Index was able to produce its biggest one-day rise in more than 15 months when it closed 13.6 higher at 529.4.

Although the rest of the market shrugged off Tuesday's banking figures, government securities turned in another lacklustre performance. Jobbers reported little inquiry with prices fluctuating in narrow limits as they attempted to find their new levels. In long, the list closed mostly unchanged while at the shorter end prices recovered early losses to close around 51.16 up on the day.

Leading industrialists made a strong recovery. ICI jumped 12p to 25p, Beecham 5p to 18p, Unilever 13p to 52p, Fisons 5p to 15p, Hawker Siddeley 12p to 32p, British Aerospace 6p to 20p, Dunlop 2p to 6p and Bewater 8p to 25p, the last three of figures near the close.

Glaxo, also reporting next

week, was well sought after, climbing 14p to 320p.

Banks again stepped back into the limelight after the overnight counterbid of £500M by Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank for Royal Bank of Scotland. Shares of Royal Bank opened yesterday at 180p before profit taking and fears of a reference to the Monopolies Commission saw them plummet to 160p. After active two-way trade they closed at 172p—net rise on the day of 4p. Hongkong & Shanghai ended 2p better at 135p, but the original bidder, Standard Chartered, lost 5p at 662p.

This latest turn of events also sparked off renewed speculative demand for Bank of Scotland which rose 10p to 34p. Among the big four clearing banks trade was generally quiet as prices advanced in line with the rest of the market. Barclays expanded 9p to 405p, National Westminster 3p to 353p, Lloyds 7p to 345p and Midland 5p to 311p.

Electricals, still plagued by

stock shortages, saw renewed demand with sentiment helped by good figures and an encouraging statement from BICC, up 17p to 252p. Improved profits also led to a 12p rise in Lee Refrigeration at 140p. Elsewhere, GEC rose 10p to 676p, Plessey 11p to 334p and Thorn EMI 10p to 360p.

In stores, better than expected figures lifted Grattan Warehouses 14p to 84p along with Empire Stores, 6p stronger at 136p, also after figures. Peters Stores, however, recreated 8p to 110p on news of a profits set-back. Comment saw Debenhams rise 4p to a new high of 98p and buyers also came in for Woolworths, 4 1/2p dearer at 63p.

Among the long list of companies reporting, favourable trading news helped Dowling & Mills 1p to 25p, North Atlantic Securities 1p to 127p, British Dredging 4p to 26p, Christies International 2p to 232p, Gill & Duffus 11p to 201p, S. Jerome 11p to 105p and Portals 10p to 458p.

But the market was not so pleased with figures from Dorada, down 3p at 32p, or Royal Worcester, 2p lighter at 268p.

Engineering shares returned to favour with GKN 3p higher at 146p and Gysward 3p higher at 100 1/2p after figures. Trading statements lifted Aurora

Bid favourite MDW Holdings was the subject of further speculation yesterday as shares soared 8p to 99p. Shares have risen 12p in the last month but directors firmly deny that they have had any approaches or talks.

4p to 34p, and Greenbank Industrial 5p to 27p, while Senior Engineering held steady at 24p. Only Bifurcated Engineering failed to capitalize, dipping 2p to 31p. Other bright spots included Haden Carrier, 10p up at 27p, and R. Cartwright, 4p higher at 42p.

Higgs & Hill celebrated a return to profits with a 14p rise to 120p, and London Brick

made ground with a 4 1/2p increase to 81p after figures. Blue Circle managed a 2p increase to 414p and speculative attraction helped IDC to a 7p bonus at 87p.

British Sugar, still fighting off the advances of S. & W. Berisford, was 8p heavier at 311p in expectation of an announcement from Berisford later in the week.

London Property remained calm at 135p after its £4.9m cash call to shareholders, while Harrison & Crossfield leapt 36p to 850p excited by a Kuwaiti purchase at 10 per cent.

Meanwhile, holiday shares continued to show relief at the Chancellor's decision not to levy an increased VAT charge on package tours. Saga rallied 5p to 315p and Horizon Travel 15p.

Oils returned to favour again yesterday with institutional support in a thin market pushing prices steadily higher. Burmah, with figures next week, saw heavy new time demand as the shares rebounded 6p to 156p. KCA International, giving further consideration to recent figures, advanced 4p to 186p.

Premier was another bright spot, improving 4 1/2p to 84p after the latest drilling report from its Warradong project in Australia. BP hardened 14p to 376p, Shell 14p to 362p, Ultramar 11p to 260p, Esso 10p to 549p and Tricentrol 8p to 270p.

Equity turnover for April 7 was £148,402m (bargains 22,105). Active stocks, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Royal Bank of Scotland, Horizon Travel, Burnham, MDW Holdings, Boverat, GEC and Lec Refrigeration.

Traditional options: Dealers reported moderate activity yesterday. Calls were made in Rothmans International at 8 1/2p, South Pacific Properties at 14p and First National Finance at 12p. Puts were arranged in GKN and Royal Bank of Scotland, and doubles in ICL and Shell.

Traded options: A total of 1,097 contracts was recorded. Brooke Bond Liebig attracted 114 contracts, ICI 159, Lasso 13 and Rascal 33.

## Aurora hints at upturn after £2m decline in profits

By Our Financial Staff

Aurora Holdings, the steel and engineering combine out together by Mr Robert Adams, hinted at an upturn from the depths of the recession yesterday. It was enough to add 4p to the shares to take them to 34p compared with their all-time low of 19p earlier this year.

The group said there had been "some signs of a slight improvement in inquiries and order intake", but added that it would be too late for the current year.

In the year to December, Aurora saw a decline in pretax profits from £3.8m to £1.8m in turnover from £103.5m to £136.4m, though this was entirely due to the inclusion of Edgar Allen Balfour, acquired for £14m in 1979, for a full year for the first time. The final dividend is passed, leaving the interim dividend of 2.2p gross as the payment for the year.

Below the line an extraordinary item of £5.6m relates to the cost of slimming the workforce from 7,500 to 5,360. To pay for this Aurora dipped into reserves for some £4.1m, leaving an attributable loss of £1.1m. This cut shareholders' funds from £26.8m to £22.7m, £5m to leave savings unchanged at around 100 per cent, including the preference capital of £8.7m.

The group suffered during the year from the familiar recessionary problems and from interest rates—interest charges took a £6.4m bite out of profits against £3.8m last time. At the year-end level profits were up from £7.6m to £8.2m.

The bright spots were Canada and Australia, the latter producing £1m pretax. Commenting on the slimming process, Mr Atkinson said it was probably largely over, though there could be some further disposals.

## Christies ahead for year, but margins tighten

By Our Financial Staff

Christies International, the auction house, saw pretax profits rise by 16.4 per cent to £7.04m in 1980, on group turnover of £31m, up from £24.8m.

Dividends have risen virtually in line with profits to 10p gross for the year to December 31. Some £162m worth of goods passed through the company's auction rooms in 1980, 29 per cent more in value terms than in 1979. However, increased competition, mainly with Sotheby Parke Bernet, inflation and a strong pound trimmed margins.

The New York saleroom did well, with auction sales of \$130m against \$70m and has now more than covered its start-up costs. The outlook there and in London and

Geneva remains good, the group said.

A new saleroom opens in Amsterdam this autumn, for a capital outlay of £1m. The Rome saleroom is being reorganized after a poor start. Net interest received last year rose from £661,000 to £222,000, but exchange losses increased from £106,000 to £395,000. An extraordinary debit of £114,000 reflects the £257,000 premium paid in the £750,000 purchase of the firm's controlling interest in 1979.

Mr John Floyd, the chairman, said that though international rising competition meant 1981 profits growth could be lower than in 1980.

## Second-half fall at Royal Worcester

By Margaret Pagano

Royal Worcester, the china to electronics group, dropped back to its 1979 profits pattern of recent years with full-year profits lower by 16 per cent at £13.6m.

Sales rose slightly to £4.7m from £4.6m last time, but profits moved up by 34p to £13.6m. The final dividend unchanged at 8.14p, making a total payment of 12.2p gross for the year January 3.

Profits and sales were set at the halfway stage but decline in consumer demand severely reduced orders for the group's companies in July onwards. Second profits were well down on last year's level, but have improved this year.

Operating profits at We Electronics were static at £1m on sales £2m ahead at £1. The moratorium on dividend spending, destocking and positive prices combined to reduce overall margins. But division is off the bottom recovery expected in the second half of this year.

Spode, the fine china porcelain company, saw on ing profits decline by £20 to £2.3m on sales slumped £24.9m. The firm's consumer demand in United States, a big market for china products, also hit. Redundancies have been in this division and short working is in force at plants.

Modest advance at Senior after strong first half

By Our Financial Staff

Senior Engineering was able to keep up its 25p pretax profit advance of first half, but finished with profits fractionally below the previous year.

Pretax profits were £5.05 the year to December, up £5.06m on sales £10m high £70.5m. The final gross dividend is unchanged at making a total for the year 2.14p gross.

Trading profits rose to £1.1m but were set by an extraordinary debit of £239,000 for redundancy. £239,000 for redundancy. £239,000 represent the cost of financing a loan for the US Boiler Tube Company acquisition in 1979. Full figures are included. Sales overseas subsidiaries £9.3m and trading profits to £34.0m against £24.8m. The recession hit the four trading divisions May onwards. Demand pressure on margins both particularly bad in the quarter. Professor R. Smith, the chairman, said.

## Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12
Barclays	12
BCCI	12
Consolidated Crds	12
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Nat Westminster	12
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## BICC 1980 Results and Final Dividend

**PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION** up 14% to £74.6 million due to continuing advances in cable-making performance worldwide.

**EXPORTS** increased by 28% to £243.5 million.

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**EARNINGS PER SHARE** up 29% to 23.6p.

**DIVIDENDS** increased by 10% to 9.43p per share.

**CURRENT COST** earnings per share at 13.7p cover dividend cost 1.5 times.

**OUTLOOK**—despite the uncertain economic conditions in the UK, the relative strength of the Group and in particular its overseas spread and export markets should enable it to continue to make satisfactory progress.

## Group results for the year ended 31 December

	1980 £m	1979 £m
<b>HISTORIC COST BASIS</b>		
Sales	1364.8	1189.9
Operating profit	86.6	76.8
Finance charges	12.0	11.2
Profit before taxation	74.6	65.6
Taxation	28.6	28.4
Profit after taxation	46.0	37.2
Minority interests	9.8	9.8
Attributable profit	36.2	27.4
<b>CURRENT COST BASIS</b>		
Profit before taxation	55.1	31.0
Attributable profit	21.1	6.6
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE</b>	p	p
Historic cost basis	23.6	18.3
Current cost basis	13.7	4.4
<b>DIVIDENDS PER SHARE</b>	9.43	8.57

The final ordinary dividend of 6.40p per share (1979: 5.82p per share) will, if approved, be paid to ordinary shareholders registered in the books of the Company on 22 May 1981. Warrants will be posted on 29 June 1981, payable 1 July 1981.

The complete press release is available from the Secretary, BICC Limited, PO Box No. 5, 21 Bloomsbury Street, WC1B 3ON.

The 1980 annual report will be posted to share and loan stock holders on 30 April 1981.

The annual general meeting will be held at 21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ON, on 28 May 1981 at 12 noon.

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## Overseas strength lifts Portals

By Our Financial Staff

Portals Holdings, the Hampshire water treatment group and banknote supplier, increased its pretax profits by 9.4 per cent to £12m in 1980 with the help of four major overseas orders.

In Britain, demand fell steeply but total group orders ended the year to December 31 on a strong note, Mr John Sheffield, the chairman, said.

The dividend has been raised by 11.4 per cent to 17.5p gross. Group turnover rose by a quarter to £126.5m. Water treatment and engineering remain the group's largest business, with sales of £98m against £76m, but suffered

worst from the collapse here, where demand was nearly halved, and profits advanced by only 3.5 per cent to £5.3m.

Local authority demand for portable water plant fell particularly sharply. Overseas, high sterling reduced margins.

Substantial orders from Nigeria and good Middle East demand helped to make up the division's shortfall in United Kingdom orders.

Preparing for £35.3m of sales, up from £23.3m, and £6.6m profit against £5.6m. Demand was steady and the strong pound reduced imported raw material costs. The group makes banknotes and supplies

paper for currency and other high-security uses.

The new United States paper-mill is due to open in mid-1982, and until then the interest costs on the £12m borrowed to build it will be capitalised.

Portals' small property side contributed £1.03m, against £960,000. There was no group debt at December 31, but the £8.75m convertible rights issue made in January now has to be repaid by the end of 1981.

Looking ahead, the group sees little sign of change in Britain yet, but hopes for some improvement in the second half of 1981.

## Higgs and Hill results boost shares

By Our Financial Staff

Shares of building group Higgs and Hill jumped 14p to a new high of 130p yesterday after results showing a recovery from losses of £908,000 to pretax profits of £2.1m, and a dividend increase of nearly 25 per cent to 6.86p gross for the year to December 31.

Last autumn Higgs and Hill beat off a £10m bid approach from cables group BICC, worth 110p a share.

Last year's recovery largely reflects the absence of provisions on contracts—in 1979 the group set aside £2.5m from trading profits against a civil engineering project in Trinidad on which it still has claims outstanding—and the absence of loss-making businesses.

The group is now concentrating on construction,

## Briefly

**Amdahl Corporation**—set up in the United States 10 years ago to compete directly with one of the world's leading computer makers, IBM—is today listed on London Stock Exchange. Some 15 per cent of group's equity is already held by shareholders in the United Kingdom, France and Switzerland. AG Stanley Holdings: Pretax profits were £2.2m against £2.9m in 1980 while turnover rose by from £38.2m to £50.4m. Final dividend has been held at 2.14p, making a total of 3.57p gross, same as previous year.

**Right issues:** London Shop Property Trust has proposed a £4.8m rights issue, 3 per cent convertible into loan stock.

**1984-89 on £1 stock for three ordinary shares.** Sterling Credit: Rights issue for £2m proposed. Pretax loss last year was £1.48m but board expects improvement.

**Peat Marwick Mitchell** has reviewed working capital which it deems sufficient for group's requirements. British Dredging: Pretax profit of £510,000 last year (£240,000 loss). Turnover stood at £11.3m. No dividend. Proposed

rights issue of one-for-four at 25p raises £221,000. Underwritten by Equity Capital for industry which will hold 12.5 per cent of enlarged capital.

**Walker & Homer:** Turnover for half-year to February 31, 1981, £3.56m (£3.51m). Pretax profit, £42,000 (against loss of £169,000 for half-year to January 31, 1980 and loss of £620,000 for full year, 1979-80). Group should remain profitable in second half-year.

**Habitat Design Holdings:** Net sales for 26 weeks to January 11, 1981, £37.7m (£20.51m). Pretax profits, £2.29m (£2.78m). Chairman regards prospects to be "remarkably good" in the circumstances.

**Kno Estates:** Warren Plantation Holding has disposed of its entire holding in company, 140,500 shares (10.36 per cent).

**Peter Stores:** Sales for half-year to December 27, £5.58m (£4.5m). Pretax profit £166,000 (£172,000). Eps 3.0p (15.8p). Interim held at 2.14p gross. Group does not expect remainder of year to continue at this reduced level.

**Yorkshire Chemicals:** Turnover for 1980 totalled £21,522m (£24,570m). Pretax loss £80,000 (profit £98,000). Loss per share 7.3p (earnings 2.7p). No dividend proposed for year (14.84p net last time).

## Amax and Socal the second time around

By Our Financial Staff

What is going on between Amax and Socal? There are unrecognisable resemblances between this latest bid—if it should be called that—by Socal for Amax and the attempt in 1979. On both occasions the oil company has been repulsed by the Amax board because the price is supposed to be too low, and on both occasions the Socal board seems to have retired without firing another shot.

The Amax position is predictable. Socal is offering this time about \$4,000m (£1.818m) in total or up to \$86 an Amax share, twice the 1979 bid. Amax says this is too cheap. There are two reasons for adopting that position. One is that Amax's assets are understated.

As the result of heavy investment throughout the 1970s the American mining plant has huge untapped resources which New York analysts value at as much as \$10,000m.

Amax has taken the strategic view that natural resources—whether metals or fuels—are bound to appreciate in real terms over the next two decades.

The second line of defence for Amax is its earnings record. Net earnings have soared from \$52m in 1971 to \$470m last year and earnings per share from \$1.33 to \$7.48. This is one of the best records among mining companies.

But the chink in the armour is that this year will not be so good. Amax is at pains to

## Mining

stress that 1981 will be an excellent year.

What this means in dollars is that the outcome will fall between 1979's \$365m net earnings, and 1980's \$470m. That said, profits have dropped before, as in 1977. Then they were \$56m compared with \$149m the year before.

But it is now proposed to inject the 25 per cent holding in Mount Newman, the rich Western Australia iron ore deposit, and Amax's other assets, mainly of an exploratory nature, into a new company.

Whether one adopts the cynical view that Amax is trying to talk up its share price in the face of the Socal bid, or that the Australian restructuring is sensible and a fair recognition of the company's potential, Socal's behaviour remains difficult to understand.

Why should Socal worry whether the bid is friendly? Will the Amax directors and executives desert en masse if the bid succeeds? Or does Socal feel that \$100 a share, a possible knock-out blow, will be seen by its shareholders as too much?

It would help everybody if the oil company made its intentions clear.

Michael Prest  
Mining Correspondent

## BICC up 14pc as exports improve

A substantial rise in exports and improved productivity in the United Kingdom led to a 14 per cent profits increase to £74.6m at BICC, the cable and construction group, last year.

Sir Raymond Pennock, chairman, said that the 1980 figure was achieved despite a 59m adverse swing in copper prices. The figures also took account of heavy redundancy costs.

A final dividend of 9.14p gross takes the total for the year up by 10 per cent to 13.47p gross.

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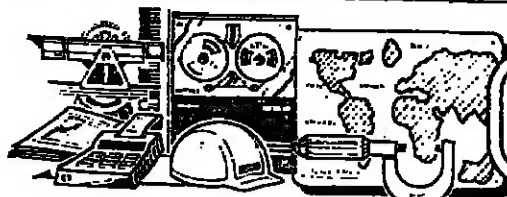


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BUT as he has been called to the bar, he is in all manner of conversation. 1 St Peter 1.13.

# BIRTHS

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**STONES**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Stones, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

# MARRIAGES

**HENNING-GOTLEY**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Henning-Gotley, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

# DEATHS

**ARMSTRONG**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Armstrong, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

**BUDGE**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Budge, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

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**MOOREHOUSE**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Moorehouse, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICES**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Memorial Services, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

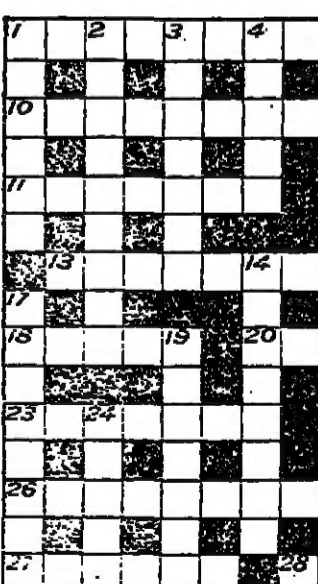
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**INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John International Property Spotlight, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

# THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 15,496



**ACROSS**

1 Took for making bird-cakes? (10)

5 What a better might make? (10)

10 They can't have a game without a pitch (10)

11 What the chimney did was deliberate (10)

12 Rocky situation for a sleeper (10)

13 Does it keep away the chaps? (10)

15 Cobble was a rural one (10)

17 Abbreviated drill follows the cry "Vault" (10)

19 Their calls may be booked (10)

22 The French continue proscript in the Levant (10)

23 Annual found in our ABC, oddly (10)

26 The inevitable in this field event (10)

27 Does he hustle, unravelling the crime? (10)

28 Those embarked on this were at cross purposes (10)

**DOWN**

1 A pointer—not a disc-player (10)

2 Whom Roy disturbed in the gloom (10)

3 They go round spinning wires (10)

4 Vexed, being one pound in debt (10)

6 Old sporting gentleman unskilled as a lover (10)

7 A hundred deposited as rent (10)

8 "Wine please" for the traveller (10)

9 Not dotty—just clean-living (10)

14 Pinner's sweet plant (10)

16 It takes some sticking in a double-ended case (10)

17 Coy tales concocted for children (10)

18 Touching example of a man getting sunburnt (10)

20 Exchanges include one of these violent speeches (10)

21 Compelling force of habit that grips you, say (10)

24 Not a boat for a bumping (10)

25 One gets hot and puffed (10)

# DEATHS

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**PITT**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Pitt, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

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# MEMORIAL SERVICES

**PEACE**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Peace, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

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**CORREY BURCHER**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Correy Burcher, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

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**ROYAL OVER-SEA LEAGUE**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John Royal Over-Sea League, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

# UK HOLIDAYS

**JOHN RIDGEWAY**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John John Ridgeway, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

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**13th CENTURY GILBY CASTLE**—On April 7, 1981, to Anne and John 13th Century Gilby Castle, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

# INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

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